

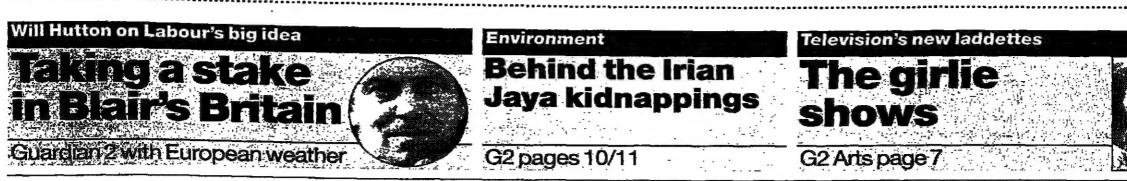




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City watchdog investigates 'Copperfingers' network

Patrick Donovan, Dan **Atkinson and Chris Barrie**

NETWORK of financial trading compa-Anies controlled by Charles "Copper-fingers" Vincent, one of Britain's most highly paid com-pany directors, is being investigated by the Securities and Future's Authority, the Guardian has established.

ponsibility for policing all ex-change-based trading, is concentrating on the affairs of the Winchester Commodities Group, a privately owned concern in which Mr Vincent, aged 35, holds 50 per cent of Mr Vincent, whose annual Mr Vincent, whose annual salary of more than £15 million puts him ahead of com-

poser Andrew Lloyd Webber and the pop singer Sting in The City's regulatory the pay super-lesgue, earned

He is the highest paid direc tor of the group, which con-trols a string of subsidiary companies. Activities range from sophisticated "futures" share dealing, to fund mangement and commodity trading on behalf of City institutional clients. It also has a brokerage division in the US, cording to accounts posted in Companies House.

"some knowledge" of the SFA investigation. Last night Mr Vincent in-

sisted that the company was not under formal investigation by the SFA but there had been contact about how the business operated under reglatory rules. "We have had dialogue and there are some major grey areas." he added.

tor, Ashley Levett, now have "other interests" outside the company. Fees paid to Mr Vincent company, which are increas-ingly taking up their time. shot up from £9,722,906 to £14,950,155 for the year to The Companies House doc-April 30. Mr Levett, who

resigned as a director of the firm in June last year, posted a salary rise from £10,094,904 uments show that the compa-ny's 48-strong payroll of em-ployees and directors enjoyed an overall salary bill of to £14,942,767 over the same around £55 million.

period. These payments are in ad-The vast majority of this figure is accounted for by dition to their salaries as di-payments to Mr Vincent and rectors which are not specified, although board pay

watchdog, which has the res- his nickname from his skill in registered as a director of the Vincent and a former direc- own all shares in the scales ranged from £70,000 to ponsibility for policing all ex- commodity trading. The huge fees were paid

as being "controlled by A M Levett and C A M Vincent". into separate companies, known as CAMV and AML which were "respectively connected" to CAM Vincent and AM Levett, according to Winchester's Companies House filings. The accounts also state that £1.566,579 was advanced by

Winchester to another com-

pany. Fiennes Trading, which

working in the City or in any career related to the financial markets. The regulatory body can also pass its findings to other authorities, including the Serious Fraud Office and the Department of Trade and

Industry

The SFA has the power to

levy unlimited fines and can

expel members, which effec-

tively bars a member from



Chris N James Meek rvomayskaya and David Hearst in Moscow

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Alex Bellos

last night.

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of Pervomayskaya, where rebels held out for a second

day, Russian jets reportedly went into action some 12

miles away against a convoy

of Chechen reinforcements

from a night shift as a hotel

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ing to the interior ministry Meanwhile, in the Chechen capital of Grozny, rebel fight-

ers seized about 30 Russian HE escalating. bloody crisis in the breakaway workers as hostages. In the Trabzon assault, Chechens loyal to the separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev Chechenia surged beyond Russia's fired automatic rifles as they

borders last night as 20 or stormed the ferry which was more masked Chechen gun-men seized a ferry with 165 people on board in the Turk-ish port of Trabzon and bound for the Russian Black Sea port of Sochi, with 120 passengers and 45 crew. One unidentified passenger was reportedly killed and a Turk-ish policeman wounded dur-ing the lightning assault. The Panamanian-flagged threatened to kill all the Russian passengers if the ship did

not immediately set sail. They said they would kill Avrasya sailed at about 9.45pm local time, towards an a Russian citizen every 10 minutes if the captain did not come," the Anatolia news agency reported, as Turkish security police sealed off the undisclosed destination, Anatolia said. The ship's Turkish captain hid initially, but was found and ordered to depart. A Russian woman who es-By last night, the crisis

which began when rebels led by the "Lone Wolf" Salman Raduyey seized some 3,000 caped shortly before the gun-men closed the boarding gates said there were several wounded people on the ship. Nadia Naskova said the Chehostages in the Dagestan town of Kizlyar, had drawn in four countries: Russia, Turchens ordered Russian paskey, Dagestan and Chechenia. While tanks and helicopter gunships pounded the village sengers to gather, then started beating them.

Hospitals in Trabzon were on red alert and were told to expect casualties. The assault marked the

first time since Russian forces began an all-out war to reconquer Chechenia in Detrying to lift the siege. About | cember 1994 that Chechen

if the captain does not come'

Chechen rebeis

A member of a Russian military unit calms a crying comrade after a friend was killed during the storming of up to 250 Chechen guerrillas near taking over ferry Pervomayskaya yesterday. Russia said an attack on a convoy of Chechen reinforcements left 150 rebels dead

threats to extend the struggle wherever there are Russian targets has become a reality. There is a 25,000-strong Checome to his rescue. chen community in predominantly Muslim Turkey. In a a further escalation of the conflict yesterday, Gen Dudayev ordered Chechen forces to launch "wide-scale" terrorist revenge attacks in Chechenia and Dagestan. After two days of unrelent-ing Russian artillery and

aerial bombardment and ground assault to free hos-tages in Pervanayskaya, Che-chen fighters still held two-thirds of the tiny settlement, where an esatimated 75 Russian hostages remain.

Mr Raduyev issued radio Grozny, which had reportedly been released. The rebels calls to Chechen fighters to been bombed on Monday said they released four hos-A Chechen spokesman in Moscow accused the Russian forces of using "indiscrimi-nate file" to crush Chechen resistance. "The might of fire is terrifying. They are trying to destroy the whole village,"

the spokesman said. Aslan Maskhadov, Gen Dudayer's chief of staff, ordered rebel units to begin what he called "wide-scale terrorist called "widescale terrorise acts", according to the Fed-eral Security Service in Grozny, which claimed to Grozny, which claimed to

radio messages. In chaotic scenes in

been released. The rebels said they released four hos-tages to "tell the truth" about what was happening and to stop "deadly Russian fire". One freed hostage — a police-men, according to the Che-chens — was sent to deny that two of his colleagues had been executed on Sunday by Gen Raduver's men. The execunight by Russian planes returning from Pervomays kaya, there seemed every pos-sibility of a fresh rebel offenstoring of a firsh reper offen sive. A woman and child were injured in the bomb blast, which ruptured a pipeline. In Moscow, President Boris

Raduyev's men. The execu-tions was quoted as the pre-text for the Russian Yeltsin refused to present an official report of the Pervomayskaya fiasco to angry dep-uties on the first day of the new parliament. Duma depuoperation. The Russian authorities ties claimed the government had lost control of the north prevented freed hostages from talking to the media. Caucasus region. By last night, only 26 of the

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Yeltsin karches right, page 6; 100 or so hostages held in Per-vomayskaya had escaped or A war without rules, page 9

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second at 31 per cent, only 5 per cent saw Britain as a role

However, the findings show

that the wealthier, younger and better-educated German

is more prone to Anglophilia

than his poorer, more igno-rant countrymen. Those on a

monthly salary of 8,000 marks

(£3,600) or more are four times more sympathetic to a British role model than those

earning less than 2,000 marks

As to which countries

should be the priority foreign partnerships for Europe

economic powerbouse, Brit-ain is lumped with China, Turkey, farael, Italy and the Czech Republic, with 10 per cent or less support. By con-trast, Russia, France and the US north un concer of he

(£900) a month.

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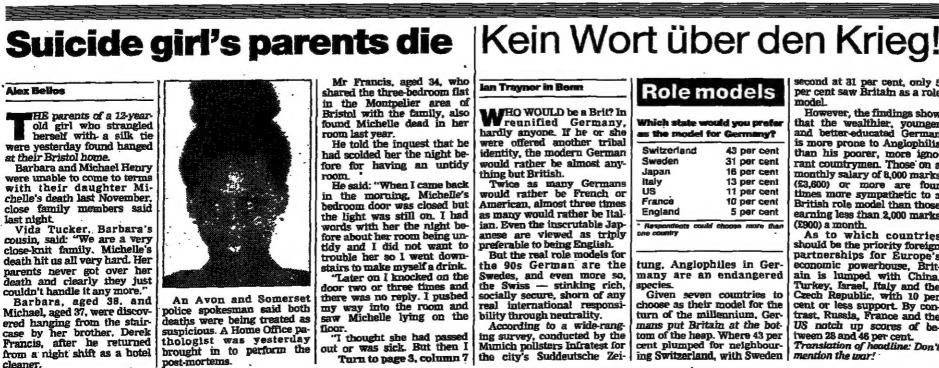
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tung. Anglophiles in Germany are an endangered Given seven countries to choose as their model for the turn of the millennium, Ger-

US notch up scores of be-tween 28 and 46 per cent. Translation of headline: Don't mention the war!

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800 Muslim survivors of the fall of Zepa and Srebrenica still suffer brutal captivity under Milosevic

measured tones





Simon Hoggart

AM just back from a spell in the Far East, where I listened to the BBC World Service every day. To be fair. it can be just a trifle dull. "The people of Guatemala go to the polls today" is probably of lit-tile more interest in China than it is in Cheadle.

That said, there is a painstaking earnestness about the World Service which inspires the most tremendous confi-

dence. Lillibullero still introduces the news, sounding as if it were on the original wax cyl-inder. (Tony Benn used to work there when they cut shellac discs; he once set fire to a studio by knocking out his pipe in a basket of shavings.) Those measured, high-pitched, old-fashioned English

voices speaking slowly and precisely, yet without any hint of condescension. The almost neurotic desire not to risk the appearance of British propaganda. (The only tidings of Britain I heard in two weeks were brief animadversions on the Duke of Edinburgh's pri-vate life and an old Alma Co-

gan record.) It is much the most popular and best regarded of all the world's foreign broadcasting networks, it gives our country an image of honesty and integrity, it costs a fraction of the money the Foreign Office spends on champagne and nib-bles. So, of course, the Government is trying to cut its

funding. Robin Cook led off a debate on the subject yesterday with his usual brio. Every penny the World Service cost, he said, brought us a pound in British trade and a pound in

inward investment. The only problem was that Mr Cook himself could never appear on the World Service. He is the opposite of the measured voices. Maybe the idea is to cram as much information as possible into a few seconds of airtime, allowing

listeners to tape it and play it back at slow speed. "Ahv sayt thfurr serry" is I have to say to the Foreign Secretary "Thi'gov canys fine mun-

ferz o'prites" is revealed by my 007 Secret Agent Decoder (Made in China, £5.99) to be This government can always find money for its own priorities," which include "a billn ray prize'n" (£1 billion on rail privatisation.)

Thubeeby wullsiss islis by (short pause) Ten Times asmuns liss Ger Serv!" means that listeners to the BBC outnumber those with the German service by 10 to one. None of this matters. Mr Cook was presented with an

open goal, and he scored. Meanwhile, I suspect that the Government dislikes the World Service because it is a public institution run for the public good, because its

employees could earn more elsewhere, a form of dumb insolence to the free market, and because it refuses to promote

an ideology. Which is why the FO spends 277 million a year on "consul-tants", who are none of those mer and were imprisoned in the camps last August, under Serbian police authority. things

Earlier Mr Major walked into a trap laid by Mr Blair. It was, as traps go, quite easy to spot. It might as well have had a flashing neon sign

on top marked "Trap" The Labour leader asked whether the junior minister, Alistair Burt, had been reprimanded for writing to the Times, criticising Lady Thatcher (her latest nickname

among Wets is "Peggy Sue", which I like.) Mr Major replied: "Matters within my government are for me, and not for you!"

Mr Blair peered into the hole, down through the twigs which had covered the trap. "To which I can only say, look ing at this government, thank goodness . . . if he cannot answer even simple questions about his own government, no

wonder the country despairs of weak leadership and divided government!" Later Alice Mahon withdrew her description on Mon-day of the Home Secretary as

"odious" She had meant shackling of regnant women, not Mr How ard himself.

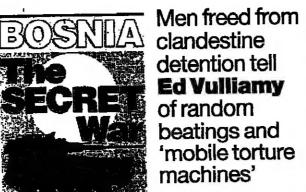
demanded a vote.

Andrew Faulds was so outraged by this apology that he

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fly



Guardian a few days later.

plus 30" as it is known in the

accord.

UNDREDS of Bos-

nian Muslim pris-oners are still

being held at two

cambs

within neighbouring Serbia

according to a group of men evacuated by the Red Cross to

a Dublin hospital from one

The weary and terrified prisoners had made their way

from the fallen enclaves of

Zepa and Srebrenica last sum-

amp — at Sljivovica.

icance, since the prisoners are held within Serbia proper. The Serbian presi-dent, Slobodan Milosevic, was a signatory to the Dayton ac-cord on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs. The Red Cross in Belgrade has been negotiating for sev-

eral weeks to have the men released and given sanctuary in third countries. A spokeswoman said most were bound for the United States or Australia, with others due to be sent to Italy, Belgium, Sweden, France and Ireland. But so far, they have not been moved. The Red Cross said it hoped the men might

A group of 24 men was flown to Ireland just before Christmas and agreed to be out "by the end of Janu-ary" - 10 days after the speak exclusively to the eadline.

But some 800 others remain incarcerated in Sijivovica and The men "med-evaced" (or medically evacuated) to Dublin have been granted papers at another camp near Mitrovo to remain in Ireland and are Polje, just three days before the agreed date for the release lodged in the Cherry Orchard mental hospital on the outall detainees under the Dayton peace agreement on Bosnia — January 19, or "D skirts of the city.

The released prisoners were reluctant to detail their individual treatment in the Sljivovica camp, saying they

The continued detention is concerned about the of explosive diplomatic signifwere

still detained there, and retribution by guards.

But they said they were treated "like animals" on their arrival, with routine and random beatings. The group's spokesman, called Nadzad from Zepa, said: "One man has died as a consequence of beatings ... Every single one of us has been beaten at some point or other. And do not forgot, this is in Serbia, not Bosnian Serbs."

-Sanitation was appalling, the men said, and food rations paltry at first, when the men were also subject to psychological abuse, such as being made to salute Serbian em-blems and curse their own

The prison consisted of two parallel dormitories formerly used by railway navvies, some two miles from the town of Sljivovica. Conditions im-proved once the Red Cross was admitted some two weeks after their internment early last August.

Since late August, the Red Cross has made formightly visits from its Belgrade field

safety of relatives and friends | office. Its spokeswoman said | lieved massacred after the officials were not allowed to

comment on conditions within specific camps, but acknowledged "some abnormalities" in the treatment of prisoners --- usually a diplomatic 2.000.

term meaning beatings and starvation-level food rations. But the spokeswoman was anxious to avoid comparisons with the infamous Bosnian Serb concentration camps in north-west and east Bosnia. discovered in 1992. The conditions at the Mi-

trovo Polje camp, deeper within Serbia, are believed to be much better than at Sljivovica, the men said.

Teams from the War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague have been in Dublin to question and take evidence from the men.

The men's tales are of an epic and bloody exodus from the fallen enclaves, bearing witness to murder and random assault. Most of the 800 prisoners come from Zepa. Only 15 to 20 are believed to intensifying concern for the

8,000 still missing and be-

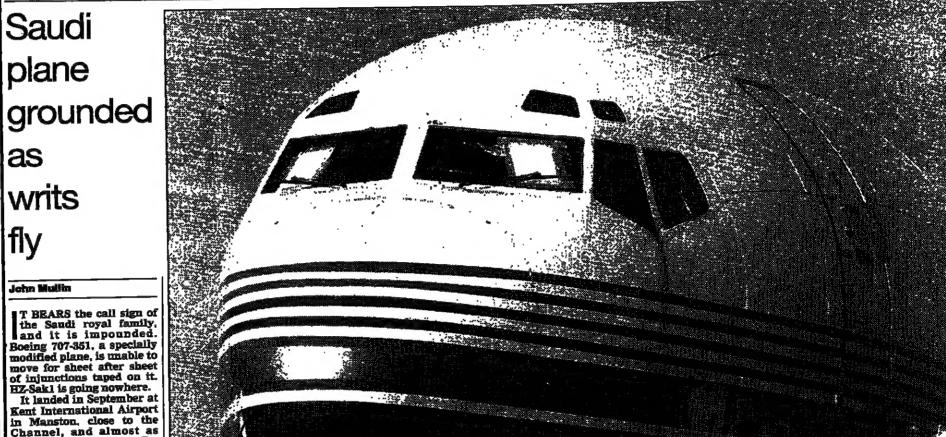
town was taken last July. One man, Safet Ilic, did es cape Srebrenica with a group of people who elected not to surrender but to set off to Tuzla in a column of about

Few carried arms, and the procession scattered as it was attacked by artillery and machinegun fire. Most continued in small groups towards the Serbian border instead, but were infiltrated or abducted along the way by groups of Bosnian Serbs and militiamen who. Mr Ilic said killed them with knives and axes

them with knives and axes and later by firing squad. He also claims the Bosnian Serbs used a mobile "torture machine" which cut open men's chests with a blade and ground their legs while they were tied to a chair. Mr Ilic escaped across the Drina River at Vishegrad into Serbia, where he was picked up by police and sent to Sljivovica. They did not believe I had

come from Srebrenica," he said.

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Review

A House worth staying home for

Nancy Banks-Smith body told us," he said tightly. "There are limits and I've

The House BBC2

ONT be frightened. The House (BBC2), as insid-ers call the Pound Cont House, was gorgeous, knockabout stuff, more panto than opera.

Baron Stoneybroke (played by Jeremy Isaacs) has hired a hatchet man, Abenazar, (played by Keith Cooper) to make his crumbling palace pay. Princess Primadonna (played by Denyce Graves) has, by a wicked spell, lost her voice in the middle of Carmen. Oh no she hasn't! Oh yes she

bas! Keith Cooper, a man oddly fond of sky blue suits, is not popular with the staff. The hate mail is a clue. 'Tve de-cided to take a tough line. Theore's a lot of messing There's a lot of messing around going on," he said. "Um!" hummed Isaacs noncommittally.

committany. Jeremy Isaacs knows all about television so he said lit-tle . . . sent flowers . . . left sud-denly stage right like a released balloon. Cooper did not change a thing for the camera. He may be the most honest man on TV today. He said: "I don't think

Andrew is capable of running the box-office, he has neither the seniority nor the intelligence." Andrew Follon, by now the ex box-office manager, spoke darkly of constructive dismissal, victimisation and defamation of character.

The manager of the Royal Opera's shop arrived to find it shut and Austin Reed measuring it up for Argyll socks. "No- | it.

Telephone fiasco costs agency £2.5m a year locations, which lack a direc-

David Hencke

e provent and 1.1

HE Benefits Agency is wasting more than £1 mil-lion a year through not hav-ing an internal telephone directory, the National Audit Office says in a report.

and line rentals since 1991. Its total telephone bill comes to Millions of pounds have been spent on a private net-work with direct dial facilities linking the agency's 570 | £40 million.

reached mine." Arguing with Andrew Cake — surely a name to cheer any-

one up -- Cooper flung his phone to the floor only to find ("Oh shit!") it was another phone ringing. Cake looked at the camera. His lips were pursed. If he had blown then,

he would have whistled. By now Cooper's abrasive style was under critical scrutiny. "Everyone dies in opera," as the House's armourer put it. Carmen arrived, beautiful, black, trailing thunderous clouds of floorlength fur. When she was ill, she wrapped herself in white fur like cotton

wool. Divas are the hell-withyou-buster fur wearers. Her voice died, then she died and she stayed dead long after the curtain had came down. Only prima donnas are affected by sore throats this way. Her Escamillo turned up trumps. Hugging her shaking shoulders with his gold en-crusted arm, he said firmly crusted arm, ne san nrmiy "You are wonderfool! Believe me, you are wonderfool! Al-ways wonderfool!" That's the stuff to give the

troops. When I sing Carmen. I shall insist on Tumanyan as my toreador. Damonte, a subsitute in oce-

lot, was flown in ("All we know is she sounds like a tin of fruit") and the three golden or truit) and the three gonen arms of the House, the grand tier, the balcony and the gods reached out to hug her. "Mag-nifique!" she said, and so it is. I heartily recommend The House. Cancel all Tuesday engagements for five weeks or, if

you know how to set your video, then tell me how to do his discretion.

tory costing £840,000. As a

result thousands of operators

are being employed connect-

ing staff on top of their job of dealing with the general pub-

lic. The agency, which pays

benefits to 30 million people at any one time, has seen a

acceptability test.

administered."

The runway was one of the 100 C

most important sites for spitfires in the Battle of Britain, and a new war was under way yesterday to get its owners, Al Wizar, in cluding two plastered over the windscreen. High Wycombe, to pay up. They owe an estimated A High Court warrant, dated January 10, says the plane has been seized by an Tony Knight, operations

officer of the Sheriff of manager at Kent Interna-tional, a charter and cargo Kent and must not be moved without his express airport in business for the last 15 years, said Al Wizar had promised to pay up. But the injunctions have apparently awaiting pay-continued to arrive, and ment. Derek Noel, who

In the High Court of Justice

The item described in the Shariff's inventory as

707-071 @ PANYTE ALREANT HZ-JAKI has been seized by an Officer of the Shariff of Kent under a Warrant in the above action.

it must not be removed from this place without the express written permission of an Officer of the Sheriff,

Going nowhere ... The Saudi plane, with injunctions such as the one below taped to the cockpit. The owners owe about £100,000 PHOTOGRAPH FRANK MARTIN the total stands at 11, in- | lives in Herne Bay, is regularly in contact with Mr

Knight in the hope of hearing that the owners are meeting their commitments again. He was unavailable for

comment yesterday. The aircraft, worth £2 million, has used Kent In-

ternational for more than 18 months.

There had never been any problem with its owners paying its bills until last September, said Mr Knight. It can seat 40, and there are two bedrooms, complete with sumptuous

Howard policy on lifers

Clare Dyer reports on Lord Donaldson's

He said there was a ques HE Home Secretary's policy of taking "public acceptability" into ac-count when deciding to tion mark over the legality of the "whole life tariff" in-tended to ensure that Мута release prisoners serving life Hindley would never be for murder comes "perilously close to lynch law". Lord Donreleased, which could be challenged by judicial review.

The tariff, set by the Home Secretary, is the earliest aldson, former master of the rolls, said last night. He told BBC TV news that period a prisoner can apply the policy, announced by for release. Michael Howard in 1993, had

spokesman had criticised 'very grave dangers". But the Home Office said Lord Donaldson's comments the practice had never been One programme. The former master of the rolls had said declared unlawful by the courts, and that Mr Howard vas satisfied it came within the present Home Secretary, Michael Howard, might be Lord Donaldson, the second most senior judge in England and Wales before his retireparticular life prisoner could

never be released. ment, told the Guardian he That appeared to be "bindwas "troubled" by the public ing the hands of his successor", Lord Donaldson told the "I think all questions of people's freedom in the penal programme. But the Home Office spokes-

system should be determined man denied that Mr Howard had told the Moors murderer on objective grounds," he said. "Where you have a high that she would never be released. profile offender it's very easy

for a lobby to be got up been set by a former home against that person's release. That doesn't seem to me to be secretary, Lord Waddington, in 1990, and Mr Howard had the way justice should be not reconsidered it.

tions, he would consider it at the time, he said. Lord Donaldson said later that he still thought a chal-

lenge could be mounted on the grounds that the tariff had FREE been changed from 30 years to whole life. WITH NO TARIFF INCREASES GUARANTEED FOR LIFE But a Home Office spokes-

man said the High Court had Menthly Restal E15 (E12.77 + VAT) confirmed that the Home Secretary could increase the tar-Peak Rate Calls 58p per mine (42.5p+VAT) VK Wide iff set on a mandatory lifer. ott Peak Calls 20p per soin (17p + VAT) Under recent changes, whole life tariffs are reviewed at 10 Peak times 8 00-19.00 Mon to Fri. and 25 years, and every five Earlier, a Home Office | years thereafter, he said.

Lord Lane, then Lord Chief Justice, recommended a tariff on BBC Radio Four's World at of 25 years in Hindley's case after she was sentenced to life in 1966. The then home secretary, Leon Brittan, fixed it at 30 years in 1985, but Lord acting unlawfully by saying a Waddington increased it to whole life in 1990.

Lord Donaldson has res ponded to a letter from Hindley, telling her not to give up hope of parole because "home secretaries change".

He has also written to the legal team trying to secure her release.

Hindley, aged 53, who is being held in Durham Prison, The whole life tariff had was jailed with lan Brady, in 1966 for the murders of Lesley Ann Downey, 10, and Edward Evans, 17. In 1987 they admit-ted killing Pauline Reade, 16, If Hindley made representa- and Keith Bennett, 12.

fees and parking costs Which was more than could be said for the aircraft. which put even NCP to Mr Knight said he had regularly seen the Saudi wrong.

Arabians who stepped off the flight to be whisked up to London in limousines. They were dressed in suits rather than robes, and looked like businessmen. Mr Knight said Kent International alone was owed about £20,000 in landing | flung place.

shame. The airport was puzzled by what had gone if you like. But we have got equipment they need to get the engines started, and without it, the aircraft is There was a consolation of sorts. Aside from the going nowhere.' writs forbidding movement of the aircraft, it would be

He thought there were scores of aircraft injuncted impossible for anybody to nip in late at night, start it up and fly it to some far flung place.

Mr Knight said: "Call it

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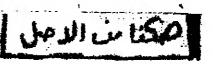


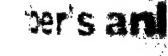
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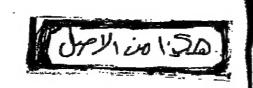
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bathroom. Nobody was around to lead a showing yesterday, but tales of gold-plated taps and a four-poster bed were said to be wide of the mark. That story was a flyer. said staff at Kent International.

'close to lynch law'

attack on minister's whole life tariff ruling



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for the rich donor countries

of the West, but Britain's record is already one of the poorest in the developed

Ms Lestor said that Labour government would "reverse the trend". The FER stressed that Brit-ain could no longer afford to

spread its aid budget thinly around the globe, and would

instead seek to use its influ-ence in Brussels, through which more than half the ODA's funds are already

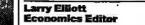
The UK has already taken

steps to restrict bilateral aid

to the nations its considers

Overseas aid to be

world.



HE Government was facing a fresh row over public spending cuts last night after it was revealed that ministers intend to slash the number of countries receiving British aid to just 20 of the world's poorest nations. In the biggest scaling back

slashed

of the bilateral overseas development programme since the second world war, Britain intends to concentrate a diminishing pool of funds by pulling out of Latin America, the Caribbean, the Pacific and outh-east Asia. Despite strong historic and

most needy. The largest 20 recipients accounted for 69 per cent of planned spending strategic ties with some of the in 1994/5, up from 62 per cent in 1989/90. Under current plans this will rise to 73 per cent in 1987/8, with a medium-term countries affected, the UK will focus on sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian sub-conti-

pent and help other parts of the world via its contribution goal of 85 per cent. to multi-lateral bodies such as It is understood that the the European Union and the main recommendations of the World Bank. FER have been accepted by

With the Government al-ready under fire for its cuts in the Overseas Development Minister, Lady Chalker, who has fought a long rearguard the budgets of the BBC World Service and the British Counaction against cuts in her budget, and will be made pubcil, the recommendations of lic next month. In addition to the concen-tration of aid on the 20 the Treasury-inspired Funda-mental Expenditure Review of the Overseas Development Administration were last countries, the FER seeks night attacked by the

other savings. It calls for phasing out of the £25 million Opposition. The report was compiled spent on ODA scholarships and reallocation of the money before last November's budget, which cut ODA spending by a further 5.4 per cent — or some £130 million — in the to country programmes, as well as more efficient funding arrangements for the British coming 1996/7 financial year. Council. Despite the concentration on It adds that the Govern 20 countries, bilateral aid to ment should leave two UN sub-Saharan Africa is already organisations — the United being cut by 18 per cent be tween 1994-5 and 1997-8. Nations Industrial Develop

ment Organisation (UNIDO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) - and reduce its financial support for the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Children Fund (UNI-CEF), unless pressure from the developed world forces rapid reform.

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Janet Jackson, new monarch of pop, reigns over (left, from top) brother Michael and Madonna, both getting by on \$60 million, and Mick Jagger, who gets only a share of \$45 million

Janet Jackson's \$80m deal tips brother from top spot

lan Katz

HE was always the Sister trying to ride her brother's coat-tails to stardom. Detractors stardom. Detractors accused her of lip-synching

timated \$80 million (about £52 million) from Virgin Records for her next four albums The deal easily outstrips and even using a body double to produce some of multi-million dollar recordher flattering videos. ing contracts signed by other performers such as Michael Jackson, Madonna But no one's poking fur at Janet Jackson now. The

29-year-old entertainer has and the Rolling Stones and is expected to trigger a flurry of "me, too" de-mands from top acts. just signed the most lucrative recording contract in history, unceremoniously displacing her troubled sib-ling as the self-styled mon-Ms Jackson was able to negotiate the deal because a arch of pop.

loophole in her contract with Virgin Records freed Ms Jackson, who has

battled for years to shed a her from obligations to the Life. She tried her hand troublesome reputation as company if its ownership with limited success on the the only "normal" member changed. Richard Branson big screen but came of age company if its ownership changed. Richard Branson sold it to EMI in 1994. of the idiosyncratic show-

biz clan, will receive an es-The singer's release triggered a fierce bidding war between executives from 10 entertainment companies. "It's not really a money-making deal," said David Browne, music critic of Entertainment Weekly magazine. "These kind of deals are made so that one mega-company can show other mega-companies that they have the clout to fork out that kind of money." Ms Jackson began her

Good Times and Facts of

big screen but came of age as a pop diva in recent years with a string of hit

solo albums. More than 30 million copies of her last three albums have been bought and her greatest hits album, Design of the Decade, has been selling respectably since it was released last autumn.

"Most of the artists who signed mega-deals a few years back are no longer in their selling prime," Geoff Mayfield, director of charts for Billboard Magazine, career as a dimpled child told the Los Angeles Times. "But Janet's graph is still definitely on the rise." actress in TV shows like

Jackson as fine a vocalist as her scandal-prone older brother, her success has been built on her talents as an all-round entertainer and an ambition reportedly un-

surpassed in the industry. She has also been the beneficiary of one of the pop business's biggest market ing efforts, and her output of bland dance pop is pro-moted by a stream of glossy, aerobic videos.

Until now, Madonna reigned as Queen of Pop with a multi-album deal with several Time Warner companies worth \$60 mil-lion. Michael Jackson is till circuing a living from still scraping a living from

Though few consider Ms | a \$60 million deal with Sony struck in 1991, while the Rolling Stones are forced to divvy up a meagre \$45 million for three whole

ingly delighted with the be-lated recognition of her tal-ents. "I worked hard to get to this position in my career," she told the Los Angeles Times. "It really feels wonderful to be so

Meanwhile, La Toya, who has always felt rather less wanted, has launched a high-rate phone-line on which she promises to disclose some of her family's **veliest** secrets.

wanted."

Labour's overseas development spokeswoman, Joan albums. Ms Jackson is unsurpris-Lestor, said it was disgraceful that Britain donated 0.5 per cent of its GNP in aid in 1979, but this had now fallen to 0.31 per cent in 1994 and was planned to fall still further to 0.26 per cent in 1997/8. The United Nations has a

£13,500 award for IRA |Romania accuses Briton **bomber's ankle injury**

David Sharrock Ireland Corespondent

HE convicted IRA bomber Donna Maguire was yesterday awarded aunt to get home. £13.500 compensation for an ankle injury caused by tripping on a footpath, which she said had forced her to give up dancing and wearing high

long time. I have had to give Ms Maguire, aged 29, sued the Department of the Enviup dancing, jogging and swimming because the ankle swells up. I can't wear high heels and the ankle is not ronment in the High Court in Belfast. She claimed damages for injuries sustained when very stable when I walk on rough ground." Mr Justice Pringle said that despite doubts and suspi-cions, he had reached the con-

she tripped in her home town of Newry, Co Down, in 1985. Explaining the delay in dealing with the case. Ms Maguire's solicitor told the judge: "The plaintiff was out-side the jurisdiction for a thy period of time." lengthy period of time. Ms Maguire was in custody in Germany for six years be

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fore she was convicted last June of being involved in a secretary Liability was denied by the borabing at a British army base at Osnabruck in 1989. Department of the Environ-ment and its lawyer was She was sentenced to nine granted a six-week stay to ears' jail but was freed im-consider an appeal. The Uster Unionist MP for he had been in custody. Ms Maguire said in evi-rone, Ken Maginnis, said he Dillon-Lee in Dortmond. years' jail but was freed im-mediately because of the time

dence yesterday that she fell was disgusted by the award. 'It's galling to think that somebody who has sought to after her foot became trapped in a broken paving stone. "My ankles were twisted and inflict so much damage now the left one was bleeding," she said. "I had to lean on my finds herself being compen sated for an alleged injury. Ms Maguire ended a six-The left ankle swelled up and was bandaged in hospital year tour of the prisons of three European countries last

after being X-rayed. "I still get pain when I walk a long distance or have to stand a In July 1989 she was arrested at Rosslare, Co Wick-low, and charged with import-ing sodium chlorate, used in bomb-making, but was subse quently acquitted.

She was rearrested in June 1990 in Belgium and charged with membership of an illegal organisation and arms pos sion. The case never came to court, but she was extradited to the Netherlands to face charges of the murder of two Australians shot by the IRA in Roermond.

clusion that Ms Maguire fell because of a defect in the pavement. He awarded her \$12,000 for pain and suffering, with the balance made up of In March 1991 she was acinterest and loss of wages as a quitted by the Dutch court, hat extradition proceedings were renewed and she was transferred to Germany. In June 1994 a German court acquitted her of bombing a British army base near Hanover in 1990 and of involvement in the murder of Major Michael

and Sarah Boseley

BRITISH man has been ordered not to leave Romania while police investigate a charge against him of taking a baby girl from a children's hospital and smuggling her into Britain.

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that John William Boast, aged 47, who lives in Romania, was sus-pected of abducting one-yearold Laura Varga.

"He is not in police custody, but he is prevented from leav-ing Romania," a spokesman said. "The British embassy in Bucharest is aware and we are in touch with one of his

lawyers." He said it was not certain where the child was.

The Romanian prosecution service said it was investigat-ing allegations that Mr Boast took the baby out of the country illegally and gave her to a family in London in December. He was arrested but then released soon after he arrived back in the country towards the end of the month. The case is sensitive for the

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Chris Stevens in Bucharest

of smuggling baby girl

edly insisted that stringent new adoption laws have put an end to corrupt and illegal an end to corrupt and ill practices which once enabled foreigners effectively to buy babies without proper checks on their suitability. Some of the children, particularly those with mental or physical disabilities, were later rejected by the adoptive

parents. A Romanian press report says Mr Boast told the police he had taken the baby with the full consent of the parents and the authorities at the hos-pital in Oradea in the northwest, near the Hungarian box der. Mr Boast lives in Finis, a

village nearby. A Home Office spokesman said he had no knowledge of a Romanian baby being brought illegally into Britain Any child brought into the country from Romania would need entry documents from the British embassy in Buchare

Illegal adoption has been raw nerve for Romania since its break with communism in 1969. In the subsequent chaos thousands of foreign couples took advantage of lax adop-

nanians who have repeattion laws to buy babies from

parents who gave up the parents who gave up the baby. They were given two-year suspended sentences. Last year a British aid worker, John Davies, had his

visa cancelled after allega-tions that he masterminded a from his station in Transvlvania. He allegedly supervised a

without their babies

to their parents or extended families, said only 5 per cent of children in orphanages

impoverished families. The Romanians have

repeatedly insisted that strin-gent adoption laws, passed in 1992, have stamped out the practice. Yet in July 1994, Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, were arrested as they tried to smuggle a baby girl across the border into Hunga-ry. The British couple, who already had a Romanian

daughter adopted legally, had paid mediators and the Gypsy

baby-selling organisation know how.

sensible girl and I just cannot group of pregnant Romanian mothers who crossed the see her killing herself. "We used to tell her off quite a lot for being untidy and she would be a bit Romanian/Hungarian border

to give birth and returned grumpy for a while but it would never last." The Romanian Orphanage Trust, which encourages the Ms Tucker, aged 54, saw return of abandoned children Barbara and Michael a few days ago.

were actually orphans.

1979 1994 1997/98 Parents of girl who committed suicide are discovered hanged tered," she said. "It takes

Continued from page 1 noticed the tie had been knottime to come to terms with a tragedy like Michelle's death and I knew they could never ted around the door handle and I realised she was dead." Mrs Henry, a homeless pro orget it." Mrs Henry's father Granject worker, broke down after

the hearing, which recorded a verdict of accidental death, ville said: "I just can't believe what has happened. There and said: "We are desperately trying to come to terms with her tragic death, but I don't was never any sign that they would do anything like this. "They were very close to Michelle and they obviously "She was a very happy and

couldn't come to terms with what happened. I can't believe this is happening. A spokeswoman for the Sa-

maritans said that it was very rare for a girl as young as 12 to commit suicid She added: "A suicide in

the family does sometimes increase the risk of another suicide in the family. If you have been exposed to it, your per-ception of that being a way

"Although they were smil-ing, under the surface they were both completely shatout is increased

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Owners charged with manslaughter after death of six novice crew of 'illegal and unseaworthy boat'

Trawler crew left 'to sink or swim'

Geoffrey Gibbs

HE novice crew of a British trawler who died when their boat sank 13 miles off the south Cornwall coast almost five years ago were sent to sea in an unstable, unseaworthy, illegal vessel that had no adequate life-saving equipment and no adequate means of alerting the rescue services in the event of an emergency, a court was told yesterday.

Joseph Anthony O'Connor owner and managing agent of the Plymouth-registered scalloper Pescado, and Alan John Ayres, co-owner of the vessel, are each charged with the manslaughter of the six crew. three of whose bodies have never been recovered. The victims were the skip-

per Neil Curry, aged 28, the mate Peter Birley, 34, deckhands Stephen Hardy, 33. Adrian Flynn, 21, and Sean Kelly, 17, and Mr Curry's flan-cee Jo' Ann Thomas, 23, the cook

Opening the case for the crown, Francis Gilbert QC. told the jury of six men and six women at Bristol crown court that the Pescado had never fished lawfully while under Mr O'Connor's owner-

ship or control. Mr O'Connor and Mr Avres denied the charges. The trial before Mr Justice Mantell is expected to last six weeks.

Mr Gilbert told the court that the Pescado set sail from Falmouth on February 28, 1991, to fish for scallops. The wreck was found on the seabed 13 miles south of Dodman Point in Cornwall in April of that year. It was raised in September 1993, and taken to Devonport dockyard in Ply-

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Joseph O'Connor (top) and Alan Ayres

Describing four of the crew as "the innocents", Mr Gil-bert told the court that Sean Kelly, a boy of 17, Mr Hardy, a welder, Mr Flynn and Ms Thomas had no experience of fishing. Mr Birley and Mr Curry had little or no experi-

ence of scalloping, in which metal rakes or dredges are dragged along the bottom of the seabed. Mr Curry was not qualified to act as skipper of a

"They were, in effect, novices who were sent to their deaths by the defendants," he told the jury. The evidence would show that at the time of

Erland Clouston

450-foot cliff.

her last voyage the condition of the Pescado and her equipment were such that she could not lawfully go to sea. As a result of changes made to the vessel during a refit in 1990 she did not comply with minimum stability criteria, and Mr O'Connor knew that was the case. .Mr Gilbert said the Pesca

do's long-range radio did not work. The boat was carrying only one life raft instead of the two required by law, and it was past its service date. Contrary to regulations the boat did not carry an emergency radio beacon designed to float free in the event of the boat sinking. If a beacon had been fitted rescue services would have been alerted im-

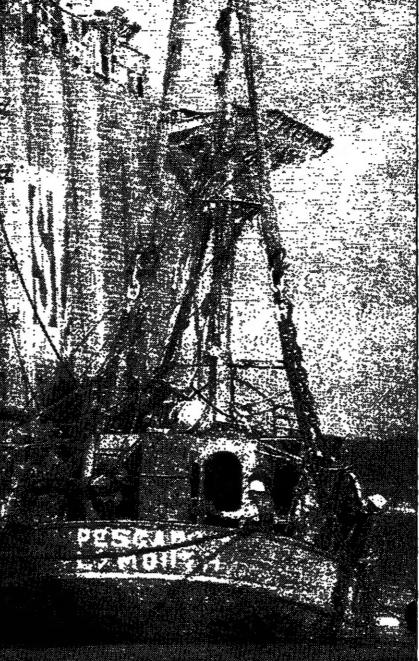
mediately to the sinking and the boat's location. "Some at least [of the crew] would have survived if they had have survived if they had had the equipment required by the regulations. As it was, they had none. They were left to sink or swim and in the event they

Mr Gilbert said the precise reason for the boat's sinking was going to be a matter of dispute. The crown said all

the evidence pointed to the Pescado capsizing as a result of difficulties with her fishing gear and the crew not being sufficiently experienced to remedy the problem. There was no evidence to

support the theory that the Pescado had been sunk in a collision. "Even if it was, it does not absolve the defendants from responsibility for the safety of the crew. "What this case is about

not why she sank but whether there was a breach of duty of care sufficient to amount to manslaughter. The case continues today.



The Pescado being brought into Plymouth in September 1993. It was found on the seabed 13 miles south of Dodman Point, Cornwall, in April 1991 PHOTOGRAPH: TIM CUFF

on jobless Michael White Political Editor HE Government's desperate attempt to get

on top of the "good news" agenda yesterday left Michael Heseltine open to criticism that he let slip monthly market-sensitive unemployment figures ahead of schedule. The Deputy Prime Minister revealed that the figures,

released today, will be "down for the 28th month in a row." John Major also told MPs that "house prices have risen

throughout the last five months," a claim narrowly sustained by some building society analysis. Mr Heseltine's remarks,

which breach guidelines to prevent the political manipulation of official statistics. were directly attributable to the internal party row trig-gered by Lady Thatcher's "No Nation Toryism" speech last week which rumbled on yesterday.

Her stress on the disap-pointment felt by the middle classes stung a junior social security minister, the left-leaning MP for Bury North, war. Alistair Burt, to write to the Times yesterday in protest at the "breathtaking exclusiveness" of her vision

Not all staunch Tories called themselves middle class — "and why should they?" he asked. As Mr Burt was being

gently carpeted by the whips for unauthorised letter-writing, reporters harried Mr Heseltine during a visit to the Pilkington Technology Centre in Lancashire.

He told them: "The real news of today is that unem-ployment is down for the 28th

Martin Wainwright

their affairs.

erty speculation.

month in a row - those are the things that matter." The figures are traditionally guarded closely and the gaffe is a symptom of government

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Heseltine

jumps gun

under acute strain. Only a few dozen people at the top of key ministries in Whitehall were given the latest figures on Monday night. After a decade when jobless data and measurement systems were adjusted down to squeeze up to 1 million from the unemployment roll; tighter controls were agreed in 1993 at the instigation of Bill McLennnan, the head of the Central Statistical Office. It means that since the employment department was

nerged with education last July, the CSO issues them as quickly as possible without spin or comment. Mr Heseltine jumped the

gun, prompting Labour's dep-uty leader, John Prescott, to complain: "To deliberately and publicly discuss unre-leased economic figures to score party political points is Inprec

"Worse still, it looks as if Mr Heseltine was scoring points in his own party's civil

"By jumping in before either Gillian Shephard or Brian Mawhinney can say anything about these figures Mr Heseltine has made a fool of himself."

Last night. One Nation Tory MPs like the former minister David Mellor defended Mr Burt.

Mr Major sounded tetchy when taunted by Tony Blair at Question Time. "Matters within my government are for me and not you,

the Prime Minister told him before seeking to exloit Labour's own internal div-

Skipper missing after fishing boat blast Poorly advised pair face bank The four stranded on the wooden vessel had to sit for five hours while it was blown Longhope and Thurso were Caithness. They were air-also launched. The operation lifted to the Balfour hospital, a rescue team found no trace of the captain's body aboard began after the St Ola spotted. Kirkwall, where they were the wreck of the Jersey-regisby 20 knot winds on to Rora Head, one mile south of the spectacular Old Man of Hoy rock pillar. counter-claim a red distress flare fired from the raft about 7.30am. Mist being treated for cuts and bruises and bypothermia. The explosion followed a Earlier, an RAF helicopter from Lossiemouth had fire in the galley as the In-contu made its way from Scrabster, on the Scottish

FISHERMAN is miss-ing, presumed dead, after an explosion dewinched four men from the deck of the disabled 65ft creel stroyed the wheelhouse of his vessel and sent it and the remaining crewmen drifting boat as it was being pounded by waves on the west coast of the Orkney island of Hoy. A in darkness on to the base of a

tered Inconnu.

Orkney coastguards aban-doned the search for Faul fifth fisherman in a life raft Simpson, of St Lawrence, Jerferry, St Ola. ey, at midday yesterday after

was picked up by the P&O Lifeboats from Stromness.

Andrew Watt, 31. both from

and drizzle hampered visibility.

Police yesterday named the survivors as Christopher Reid, 25, from Skye; Laurence mainland, to fishing grounds off the Orkney coast. The Scott, 31, from Rainford, Merseyside; Keith McArdle, 37, of Aycliffe, Co. Durham; crew, without steering or wireless, attempted to launch and Christopher Reid, 25, and their life raft, but it broke free with only one man aboard.

It is thought that Mr Simp son may have been knocked overboard by the blast. The marine pollution con

trol unit was last night monitoring the wreck for any sign of leakage of its 6,000 litres of

COUPLE who humiliated Lloyds Bank over poor mortgage advice and forced a review of high

accept Lloyds' offer to put the financial clock back five years. Gregory Mitchell, counsel for the bank, told the

High Court in Leeds that a return to the position in 1990, before interest began to accualate, would les



Men skip bail on arms charges

automatic rifles, sub ma-chine-guns and semi-automatic pistols.

When they appeared in court last July a Belfast solici-N ALLEGED former tor read a statement claiming that the accused had influ-enced the INLA to suspend its military operations a month before the IRA called its 1994 ceasefire.

Yesterday the solicitor, Leo Morrison, told the court that Mr Braniff had been arrested in Northern Ireland and was in custody in Belfast where he was charged at the weekend with taking two shotguns and a rifle from a house in Annacloy, Co Down.

The Irish police said the Dublin High Court had granted bail. The men had been ordered to reside at an address in Kingscourt, Co Cavan, and to report daily to vehicles which contained police.

pie only having to pay £37,000 mortgage and interest on the Greys Hill property. Solicitor John MacKenzie, faced a crippling counterclaim in court yesterday over loans and interest payments. Teacher Julia Verity, aged

55, and acupuncturist Rich-ard Spindler, 36, risk the loss for Ms Verity and Mr Spin. dler, argued that \$39,000 prof. of the £77.529 they won from Lloyds after the High Court its from selling the Gravel Hill house should have gone to pay ruled in September that the bank had been negligent over off outstanding mortgages on both properties. Instead it was used to service a high interest bridging loan for renovations The case, which they con-ducted themselves, sent

at Greys Hill - the nub of the tremors through banking's advice condemned by the system of local branches High Court in September. Mr MacKenzie said the after Maurice Hunt, Lloyds then manager at Beacons-field, Buckinghamshire, was

profits from selling Gravel Hill should go to pay off the criticised by Judge Robert Taylor for encouraging the pair in a rash attempt at propmortgage on the property. The couple considered the £87,000 to be the full return in capital and interest on the But the renewed court loan from Lloyds.

action, which the couple de-scribed yesterday as the bank He said: "After the proce had been paid to the bank the liability for any other debt trying to profit from its bad was extinguished.

advice, involves a £150,000 counter-claim from Lloyds Mr Mitchell listed other over unpaid loans, including loans taken out by the couple mortgages on their former and still outstanding, includhouse in Gravel Hill, Henleying £30,300 for Mr Spindler to on-Thames, and the nearby property in Greys Hill at the start his acupuncture bush ness and a £5,000 personal centre of the original dispute. loan to Ms Verity.

The complicated web of claims from both sides may end in compromise today if Ms Verity and Mr Spindler the court reconvenes today.

Scargill's poll challenge to Labour

Mineworkers' longstanding affiliation to the party.

Labour's candidate is the **RTHUR** Scargill's Leeds council leader, Jon Afledgling Socialist Labour Party is to Trickett. Ms Nixon, aged 35, is a challenge Labour in next month's Hemsworth media studies student at Sheffield university. She byelection. Its candidate said she would be fighting will be a leading Women Against Pit Closures activfor the rebuilding of public services, repeal of antiunion laws, common ownership, and the "the In a traditional mining constituency, Labour's socialist values which New campaign team immedi-Labour has dropped and ately sought to emphasise the Tories have tried to the distinction between Mr eradicate". Mr Scargill, the Scargill's personal decision

the National Union of | could not wish for a better candidate. Ms Nixon said there was a lot of excitement about Socialist Labour and pre-dicted her candidacy would 'sbake up" Mr Blair's

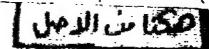
party. The contest - in one of Labour's safest seats where, by the party's own admission, the NUM is still an influential local institution - will provide a crucial measure of whether Mr Scargill's new party can make any kind of significant electoral impact.

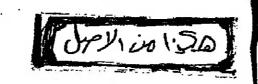
NUM president, who will be her election agent, said he Letters, page 8



Brenda Nixon: planning 'a shock for New Labour'

The channel that championed minority programming and quality popular culture seems to have gone a little mad. "It's spiky, Amazonian and utterly in yer face," screams the press material. The Girlie Show's presenters are going to be "flipping the script of laddish culture". They are the latest twist in postmodern culture — ladettes.





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BRITAIN 5

MP dismisses 'unrepresentative' campaign by businessmen

Forty demonstrators arrested
Police chief warns of rising costs

Newbury firms join protest at bypass

Owen Bowcott

GROUP of Newbury businessmen yester-day launched a camtown's £100 million western bypass and highlighted grow-ing local support for anti-roads protesters delaying construction construction.

as unrepresentative.

Against the Bypass called for tree felling to be stopped. "We do not want to see the

desecration that has been proposed," said John Bentham, a local employer. "This bypass has been sold to us as solving all of Newbury's traffic prob-lems, but it won't. A tunnel should have been built to carry the traffic." Adrian Foster-Fletcher, an

had only woken up to the issues when anti-roads pro-testers arrived. "We were told



court is told

using in May 1987. In summer that year she began getting stomach

cramps and by December she had collapsed after an

epileptic fit. Lead poisoning

sel, Susan Rodway. Mrs Bloom claims that

she has been left with mem-ory loss, weakness in her

hand and arm and co-ordi-

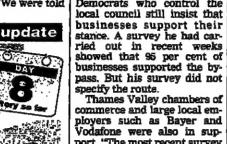
Gary Younge

area, said 80 per cent of busi-nessmen were concerned about the western bypass. "It would have made more sense to put the bypass on the east where most of the busi-ness is situated." Richard Frett, a chartered accountant and leading mem-her of Newbury Business

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Their initiative, backed by Friends of the Earth, was dis-missed by Newbury's Liberal Democrat MP, David Rendel, As more than 40 demonstra-

executive headhunter who has attended protests in his Jaguar, said the community



specify the route. Thames Valley chambers of commerce and large local em-ployers such as Bayer and Vodafone were also in sup-

port. "The most recent survey by the local TV station Merid-ian found 6-1 support in favour of a bypass last year." Mr Rendel said the Liberal Democrats had always fa-voured bypasses bringing en-vironmental benefits. "But we are not in favour of open-



Lead in mug poisoned pub hit care in cider drinker, community programme

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent A WOMAN developed lead

the M25 would solve all our problems, but it didn't." Clive Osborne, whose elec-tronics companies employ 200 people in the surrounding chief constable Ian Blair, said chief constable Ian Blair, said the cost to Thames Valley police had risen from an ini-tial estimate of £35,000 to £55,000 a week in extra over-time. "It's our job to ensure bab bit initiation and the both the right to work and the right to demonstrate. It's the

job of the contractors to pro-vide sufficient security staff ber of Newbury Business Breakfast Club, said: "An to enable their workers to operate properly. I have no doubt that in the fullness of overwhelming majority of our members are against the time work will proceed at a western route. Their main faster rate."

concern was destruction of the beautiful countryside." Yesterday, more private se-curity staff were drafted in to push back protesters who eventually brought work to a halt by scaling trees. Mr Rendel had claimed 100 per cent of businessmen in Newbury backed the western

route cutting through three sites of Special Scientific In-At Donington Wood, north of the town, as many as 100 terest and the valleys of the Lambourn and Kennet rivers. helmeted security men and women formed a cordon to But he said yesterday: "If I keep protesters away from trees as they were felled by chainsaw. Work continued did say that 100 per cent of business was in favour, then I fully accept that was an exaguntil the early afternoon, the longest continuous period of construction preparation.

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geration. It was a figure of speech rather than an arith-metically correct estimate." But the MP and Liberal Democrats who control the local council still insist that

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Mrs Bloom has exaggerated the side effects so as to increase her damages, an ac-cusation which she denies. Ms Rodway said one questionto be decided was whether the mug belonged to the pub and was used by

today.

Stadbroke.

Apoisoning and suffered INISTERS have admitte there will be a delay of at permanent neurological damage after drinking cider from a band-painted least three months in ensuring full implementation of safeguards underpinning care earthenware mug at a pub, in the community for the the High Court in London heard yesterday. Marian Bloom, aged 41, used to go to her local, the mentally ill.

The "care programme" ap-proach will now not be in place in all areas until March, according to John Bowis, the junior health minister res-Queen's Head, in Stradbroke, Suffolk, every Fri-day for a few hours for her favourite drink from a ponsible for mental health hand-painted earthenware mug, which she started policy. The admission contrasts

with instructions issued to health authorities in England last August. In what was presented as a get-tough message from the Department of Health, authorities were set an end-of-year deadline to im-plement the care programme

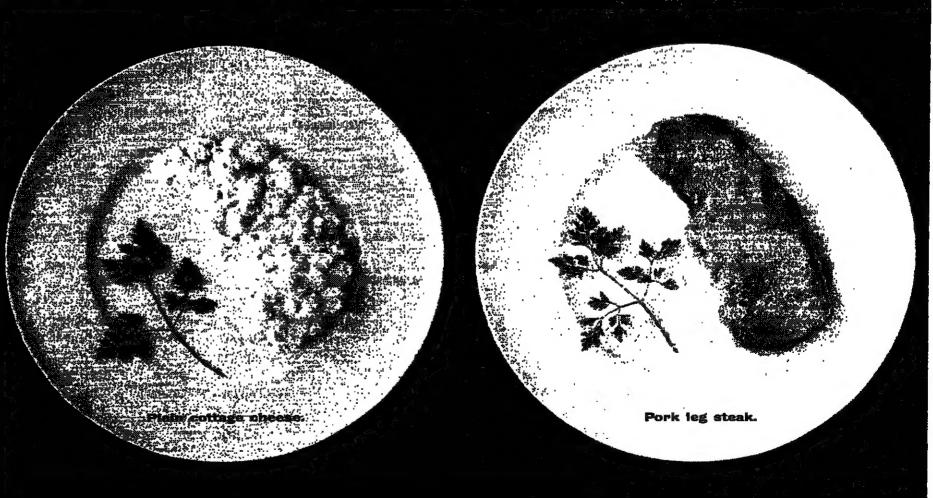
was diagnosed. The cause was the high lead content in the glaze of approach. The programme provides for patients in the community to have a clear, individual plan of the care they are to receive and to be allocated a key worker to concern that the mug, which had been brought to the pub by an-other customer. Tests showed that Mrs Bloom had accumulated up to 10 times the level which hu-mans can normally tolerkey worker to oversee their progress. Yesterday's report of the ate, according to her coun-

Government's confidential inquiry into homicides and sui-cides by mentally-ill people found that no care plan had been implemented in almost half the killings investigated The inquiry team said it was "left with the uncomfort-

nation problems. She is seeking damages from the then licensees, Mary and Frederick Farrow, also of able feeling that more strenu-ous efforts to insist on main-The defence claims that tenance of contact might have been rewarded by fewer deaths". Alan Milburn, a shadow

health minister, said: "Com-ing hard on the heels of the confidential inquiry report, this further slippage in imple-mentation of the CPA will Mrs Bloom, or whether Mrs. undermine public confidence Bloom became its owner. in the Government's mental health approach." The hearing continues

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Last prominent reformer quits cabinet
President oversees assault on Chechen rebels
Moscow's 'spin doctor' admits war plan going awry

Besieged Yeltsin lurches to right

David Hearst in Moscow

USSIA'S first deputy prime minister, Anatoly Chubais, one of the few survivors of the first radical democratic government and author of the privatisation programme, offered his resignation last night to President Boris Yeltsin.

Coming as the president oversaw the bloody assault on | have again demonstrated the the remaining Chechen rebels holed up in the Dagestan vil-lage of Pervomayskaya, Mr Chubais's departure signalled a further lurch to the right by the Russian government. Mr Chubais told a news

conference later that he was leaving because the president was unhappy with his work. He said Mr Yeltsin had ac-cepted his resignation.

In the first day of the new Russian parliament, Mr Yeltsin came under heavy attack | for another term."

for his handling of the Chechen hostage crisis. All day every sign of being prepared for a fight to the finish. On the Duma waited for a presidential spokesman to give an Monday he gave his clearest official report on the outcome hint that he would run again, of the operation. The liberal and appointed another rival to Mr Chubais, the deputy prime minister Oleg Sosko Yabloko group has vowed to seek a vote of no-confidence in the government, and yesvets, as manager of his presiterday it said it would also try to hound Mr Yeltsin out of office, after what it described as the bloody tragedy in Chubais presided Pervomayskaya. "The federal authorities over the biggest sell-off of state obvious — they are not in a position to lead the country. Yeltsin and [prime minister Viktor] Chernomyrdin are assets in history dangerous for society, both with their action, and their lack of action." Yabloko said. Gennady Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist iential re-election campaign

The departure of Mr Chu-bais is the latest and biggest sign of the shift towards hard-line nationalism in the Rus-Party and the largest faction sian government that many in the new parliament, said: "It would be better for the whole country if Boris Yeltsin did not put himself forward in West have been fearing. Two days ago Sergei Filatov, another former liberal, quit as head of the presidential administration, to be replaced a

But Mr Yeltsin has shown | noted hawk, Nikolai Yegorov. Yesterday Mr Yegorov said that all rebel Chechens who engaged in violence should be wiped out. "All criminals who have raised arms against their own people must be destroyed," he said.

Mr Chubais, an economist from St Petersburg, was cata-pulted to national fame by the city's mayor, Anatoly Sob-chak. He was rarely out of controversy as head of the state committee on property, which became the main vehicle of privatisation. He was the driving force of the first wave of privatisation. launched with a voucher given to every Russian citizen

But he made powerful ene-mies as the second stage of privatisation began — auc-tioning of Russia's biggest privatised firms for a fraction of their real value. He clashed with the regional governors and in particular with Yuri Luzkhov, the powerful mayou of Moscaw

about the fall in government revenues, hadly needed to fund increased pensions and social protection for millions

of Russians living below the bread line.

In his period in office, Mr Chubais presided over the biggest sell-off of state assets **ENERAL** Alexander GMikhailov admitted that he was "very concerned about snipers". in history, but the speed and They have a range of 800 scale aroused persistent criti-cism, latterly from the banks, metres. This was not part of that a few well placed people our plan," he said. former KGB's chief spin doctor in the field had ad-mitted that Moscow had were profiting at the expense

James Meek near

Pervomayskaya, Dage

of the state. To Western investors Mr Chubais was a pivotal reformer whose presence in overlooked any detail in the struggle to heat the Chechen hostage-takers. the government ensured that it stayed on the path of free market reform. Yesterday Mr if houses where hostages are being held are set on Chubais was still involved in negotiating a three-year loan worth £5.8 billion from the Infire, or riddled with ballets, that has nothing to do with the tons of munitions being ternational Monetary Fund.

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The issue of privatisation has become inextricably mixed with the controversy Snipers rattle the general

ge themselves.

When the Russian attack on Pervomayskaya began, two captured Siberian interior ministry soldiers had been killed by the Chechens and strung up from a tree. Yesterday he denied hav-

ing said any such thing. The interior ministry cap-tives, he said, were alive and well, and he had not the faintest idea who had been hanging from the tree.

As the Russian assault against the tiny hamlet ran into trouble, Gen Mikhai-lov stopped calling it a village and started calling it a town. What had previ-ously been an operation to hurled into the settlement rescue hostages or "destroy obvious bandits" became instead doing so. by the Russians. The Che-chens, according to the gen-

eral, are doing all the dam- | "the liberation of occupied

Russian attempts to steer the news with the subtlety of a supertanker helmsman Gen Mikhailov was that are not confined to the media. Gen Mikhailov's boss and the commander of the Pervomayskava operation, General Mikhail Barsukov, was clearly behind President Boris Yeltsin's wildly optimistic forecast on Monday that the assault was so carefully planned it would be over by nightfall The Russians have made frequent and blatant at-

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tempts to mislead the media. President Yeltsin said on a number of occasions that Russian aircraft had stopped bombing Chechenia, when it was all too obvious they were still

Prisoner 'cattle market' flouts Dayton accord

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

RED CROSS official accused both sides in the Bosnian conflict yesterday of trading prison-ers "like cattle" for money. instead of releasing them as agreed under the Dayton peace plan.

Jacques de Maio, a senior official of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Sarajevo, said the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat Federation were reaching secret deals on pris-oners, while failing to comply with their commitment to free them,

With only three days to go before all prisoners must be freed under the peace plan, he said there was no sign that the deadline would be met. Both sides preferred to trade behind the back of the international community.

'Bilateral exchanges are being arranged," Mr de Maio said. "It's about money. Let's be clear about that. It's a cat-

He said that prisoners' rela-tives would approach exchange commissions run by their own authorities and hand over money for their The exc

rious that the practice has continued since the signing in November of the Dayton peace agreement. which com-mits all sides to releasing their prisoners uncondition-ally under ICRC supervision. Under an ICRC plan, both sides were due to free more than 400 prisoners yesterday at Sarajevo airport, but nobody turned up. The flasco followed the failure of a pris-

oner release in western Bosnia on Monday. The ICRC puts most of the blame on the Bosnian government, which has refused to release prisoners until the Serbs give a full account of

the fate of thousands of Muslims missing after ethnic cleansing campaigns. The ICRC has been allowed to see about 400 prisoners in

Serb hands. The Bosnian government says that 24,000 Muslim men are unaccounted for. It insists that 4,000 are alive

and in prison camps. ICRC officials point out that the Dayton accord treats prisoners and the missing

separately. They say the ICRC is trying to trace the missing, but argue that the 900 prisoners officially acknowledged by both sides should not be used as a bargaining chip to find them. Mr de Maio. co-ordinator of

the monitoring and visiting of detainees in former Yugosla-



Israeli leader says he cannot forgive the Holocaust

lan Traynor in Bonn reports on Weizman's solemn messages to the Bundestag

looked as though the tears that graced the chancellor's cheek at last week's Notre Dame service for François Mitterrand were about to

IS Hebrew echoing through the parliamentary chamber where before, he said, it "was screamed in the gas chambers" of Nazi Ger-many, President Ezer Weizman of Israel told Germany's rulers yesterday that the Holocaust was unforgivable. tween Jews and Arabs.

But the very presence in Bonn of the tall, silver-haired former fighter pilot — and as the first foreign head of state to address a joint session of reunified Germany's parliament lawyer. helped Chancellor Helmut

But two issues blemished Kohl in his mission to make Germany a "normal" ciliation. After arriving in country, host to the leader of a people 6 million of whom were murdered by the Nazis. It is not easy to Mr Weizman, aged 72, stood with his back to the hear the voices Rhine and the giant eagle of

Mr Kohl, who struggled to stifle a slight yawn halfway through the 22-minute speech, led the standing ovation. And when Mr Weizman strode over to shake Mr Kohl's hand, it looked as though the tears

reappear. "He said he can't forgive us and we have to accept that," said Günther Verhengen, a leading opposi-tion Social Democrat. The air was thick with talk of building bridges between Germans and Jews and be-

"His speech gave the Jewish message of live and let live to this audience and they understood the mes-sage," said Michael Fried-man, a German-Jewish

Germany at the weekend,

missions then contacted their counterparts on the other side and organised trades.

Such exchanges had been known to involve prisoners, money, diesel and the bodies of dead soldiers. Mr de Maio said civilians, especially from minority groups, had been taken hostage to bolster bargaining power. "It is the final stage of eth-

nic cleansing," he said. The market in prisoners has been a feature of the Bosimpose. But Nato said yesterday that military action against

nian war since it erupted in the Bosnian government 1992. But ICRC officials are fuwould be inappropriate.

Nato in talks on aiding war crimes investigators in Bosnia

Ed Vulliamy In The Hague

THE war crimes tribunal

in The Hague said last night that it was working with Nato's high command to ensure "everything is in place" for its investigations into suspected mass graves in Bosnia, and the pursuit of war criminals.

As details emerged about the existence of a potential mass grave in a mine shaft near Pijedor, the tribunal spokesman. Christian Chartier, said that providing the investigators with security would be among the issues to be discussed by the chief prosecutor. Judge Richard Goldstone, and Nato's secretary-general, Javier Solana, in greb, officials said. Brussels on Friday.

He warned that any at-tempt by the Bosnian Serbs or other parties to obstruct the investigations would lead the tribunal to report to the United Nations Security Council with a view to "automatic reimposithe tion of sanctions". Tribunal officials say

they are expecting arrests on the ground before too

on the ground before too long, in which Nato will play a role. Yesterday the tribunal held a closed hearing in the case of the only man accused of war crimes to be held in custody — the Bosnian Serb Dusko Tadic. His trial was set for March 18. set for March 18. Most of the UN's data on alleged human rights viola-tions in Croatia has been

stolen from its offices in Za-

via, confirmed claims that some prisoners were being held in Serbia and Croatia. Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of the Nato-led peace implementation force, has the power to decide when the Dayton accord has been violated and what penalties to

Two defiant Bosnian Croats use local borsepower to erect a banner declaring their village Croatian. Under the Dayton agreement, the village of Majdan in central Bosnia is to be banded over to the Bosnian Serbs PHOTOGRAPH CHARLES MILLER

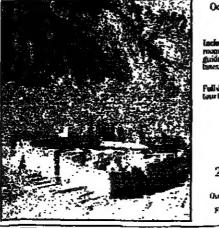
St Catherine's Monastery & Petra

T L he recent opening of the 4-star Hilton Hotel in Nuweiba now makes it possible to combine the fascinating sites of St Catherine's Monastery, and further exploration of Sinai, with the 'rose red' city of Petra.

city of Petra. Our journey commences with a 3-night stay on Sinai's Red Sea coast at the Coral Hilton Hotel at Nuweiba. From here we pay a visit to both St Catherine's and the Coloured Canyon with time for relaxation before taking the ferry service to Aqaba and onwards to Petra for four nights. Resident the state Hilton at Nuweiha arcommen Besides the 4-star Hilton at Nuweiba, accommodation has been reserved at the 4-star Forum Hotel in Petra. The journey concludes with a drive across the newly-opened border to Ovda (up to May) for the return flight to London Gatwick. The Monastery of St Catherine has attracted pilgrims since AD 337 when the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, ordered the building of a sanctuary around the site of the Burning Bush. Its spectacular setting at the foot of Mt Sinai adds to the solitude and mystery of the site. Petra was lost to the world after a change in well

established trading routes but was re-discovered hy the famous Swiss explorer Burckhardt in 1812. Since then, the area, 'half as old as time', has been a magnet for generations of travellers wishing to see and experience a truly unique city.

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John Palmer in Brussels

HE president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, warned yesterday that the sacrifices

involved in reducing budget deficits to boost growth and create jobs will be more pain-MEPs. ful, not less, if the single cur-

which is not only demanded rency project fails. He angrily denied that monby developments in the real world but has been solemnly etary union was to blame for the unpopular measures enshrined in a treaty would be a very grave defeat, pertaken by governments to haps decisive for the Euroreduce their deficits. pean Union itself, with all that this implies for the "Since all over Europe these deficits threaten the future of Europe as a whole." social security of future gen-Mr Santer's affirmation of erations, there is only one

answer: tackle the fire. With or without Maastricht. With monetary union appeared prior without the single curmarily aimed at those in Germany and Britain pressing for a delay in introducing a cency." he declared. In an uncharacteristically passionate address to the single currency.

consequences. "This is not the moment to

unemployment in the EU. call into question the cause of the single currency." he told

Santer firm on EMU timetable

countries might have to "The failure of a project spend up to 20 per cent of their budgets in loan interest, as Italy and Belgium were doing. Referring to the EU's limited success in reducing un-employment, he said that a

single currency would help job creation by eliminating currency speculation, reducing interest rates and financing costs, ensuring a more effaith in the 1999 timetable for ficient use of investment, and reducing Europe's depen-

dence on the US dollar. Other EU governments hope to be given a clearer G7 pressure, page 12

European Parliament in Strasbourg, he went on to warn that abandoning the single currency might also have devastating political economic growth and reduce ated interest rate cuts

throughout Europe. Mr Kohl would also like to Mr Santer said that without measures to curb deficits EU see trades unions and employers in member states negoti-

ate a jobs pact giving more flexible working arrangements for lower working hours and commitments by industry and governments to expand worker training and education

But if economic growth does not pick up as forecast later this year, the EU will have to choose between delay-ing the EMU timetable or interpreting the Maastricht treaty conditions for a single currency more flexibly.

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German democracy. Presi-dent Roman Herzog of Ger-many stood in front of him, Mr Kohl to his right. Jo-bannes Rau, the veteran which scream to me from the earth'

Mr Weizmann told leaders

Social Democrat and head of the upper house, sat on his left. He was celebrating his 65th birthday to a conof the growing 40.000strong Jewish community that he could not understant parade of congratula-tory bandshakes.

"It is not easy for me to be in this country." Mr Weizman told the special session of parliament. "To hear the memories and the voices which scream to me from the earth. It's not easy for me to stand here and address you.'

of my people's children whom the Nazis put to death". "As president of the state

of Israel, I can mourn them and remember them, but in their name I cannot forgive," he said. He continued with cau-

tionary words directed at the new Germany, where synagogues and Jewish graves have been desecrated in the five years since unification. "I can only demand that

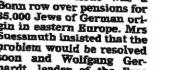
in your knowledge of the past you direct your minds to the future. That you take note of every stirring of racism and throttle every stirring of neo-Nazism."

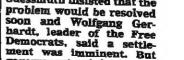
in Berlin's recently rebuilt New Synagogue, said yes-terday. "Otherwise, the 'Final Solution' would have Eucceeded in retrospect." Rita Suessmuth, the par-

Kuz Suessmurn, one par-liementary Speaker, pointed out in her introductory remarks yesterday that Jew-ish life in Germany was undergoing a revival.

The other issue was a Bonn row over pensions for 35,000 Jews of German ori-gin in eastern Europe. Mrs Suessmuth insisted that the

ment was imminent. But government ministers are still arguing about where the money will come from.





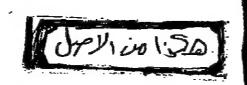
Some of those leaders were outraged. "I think it of the highest importance

stand how any Jew could live in the country after the

that Jews live in Ger-many," Hermann Simon, head of the Jewish Centre

Holocanst, and appealed to them to move to Israel.

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Mitterrand's family sue Paris-Match

FRANCOIS MITTERRAND'S wife and children launched a lawsuit against Paris-Match yesterday for publishing photo-graphs of the late French president laid out on his bed hours after his death last week. Mitterrand's widow, Danielle, their two sons, and Mazarine Pingeot, his daughter by his mistress, are also suing the late president's doctor for a "breach of professional cath". In his book Le Grand Secret (The Big Secret), published today, Dr Claude Gubler claims that Mitter-rand lied about his health for most of his 14 years in power. The action against Paris-Match, brought under the French privacy law requiring a photographic subject's consent, con-cerns two pictures in this week's edition. Paris-Match denied the photographs were illegal, argoing: "They were clearly taken by one of the many people who were invited to pay their last respects." last respects."

last respects. The publication in Paris-Match of extracts from Le Grand Secret. co-written by Dr Gubler and Michel Gonod, a journalist, sparked a lively debate. Doctors condemned Dr Gubler for build be an extract of the part of th publicly confirming that Mitterrand's prostate cancer had been diagnosed in November 1981, six months after he was first elected.

But outside the medical profession there was widespread criticism of Mitterrand's decision to decree his cancer a state secret. It was only revealed in September 1992, after the first of his three operations. — Alex Duval Smith, Paris.

France opens up to allies

FRANCE is ready to discuss nuclear strategy with its Nato allies and move towards military reintegration with them. Last month it reversed decades of semi-detachment from Nato by agreeing to take part in meetings of its defence ministers. "France is ready to yesterday, before a meeting of alliance ambassadors in Brussels today. raise nuclear questions in the council." a Nato diplomat said

President Chirac hinted that his government might even be ready to share France's nuclear arsenal with its Nato allies when he announced nuclear tests in the south Pacific last year. The shift towards closer military involvement in Nato—suspended by President De Gaulle in 1966—has been welcomed by the US and other allies.—John Palmer, Brussels.

China curbs finance reporting

CHINA has imposed new curbs on the flow of economic information from foreign news agencies, slamming shut a door opened by Deng Xiaoping's 1979 economic reforms and threatening the

fledgling financial sector. Citing national security, a cabinet edict said yesterday that foreign news agencies must submit to regulation by the government Xinhua news agency, Xinhua reported.

Last night the Vienna-based International Press Institute, which links newspaper editors and executives, issued a letter sent to the prime minister. Li Peng, voicing concern and urging revocation of the decree. The new legislation mandates punishment for information

which "slanders or jeopardises the national interests of China". It prohibits Chinese customers buying economic information directly from foreign services and allows Xinhua to determine the subscription rates of foreign news agencies. Foreign services reporting on China's markets include Reuter, Dow Jones-Telerat and Bloomberg. - Reuter, Beijing.

Setback for Liberian accord

THE MILITIA at the centre of the latest fighting in Liberia said yestarday that it would not hand over its arms to African peace-keepers in accordance with a pact to end six years of civil war. "We are not going to give our arms to Ecomog [peacekeepers]," the warlord of the Ulimo-J militia, General Roosevelt Johnson, eaid.

Gen Johnson said he would demand an amendment to the agreement to allow a Liberian military force to be established before disarmament. He said Ecomog, which fought battles with Ulimo-J guerrillas in western Liberia in the first week of January, were "baseless and politically | away faction have repeatedly motivated", but he had quit | attacked P. V. Narasimha because his party had decided | Rao's government for corruption — a stance that now looks unsustainable.

The RIP has demanded a swift trial of the case, which has been under investigation for more than two years. The accused, who include 18 bureaucrats already facing prosecution, are alleged to have entered into the transactions on behalf of a powerful industrialist, S.K. Jain, and his brother, who were seeking favours and lucrative con-

Security alert in Jerusalem as settlers threaten poll

Dorek Brown in Jerusalom

WO thousand extra police will be deployed in Jerusalem on Saturday as Palestinians go to the polls to elect a new self-rule council. Security has been beefed up after threats by Jewish militants to disrupt the election, which they say undermines Israel's claim to sovereignty in the city. Arysh Amit, the Jerusalem

police commander, told Israel Radio last night: "We suspect that we shall have some problems from rightwingers on

WO Israelis were shot yesterday, apparently by Palestinian gunmen, in the West Bank town of Hebron, security sources said. The sources said the attack took place at a junction on the road to the Israeli settlement of Kiryat

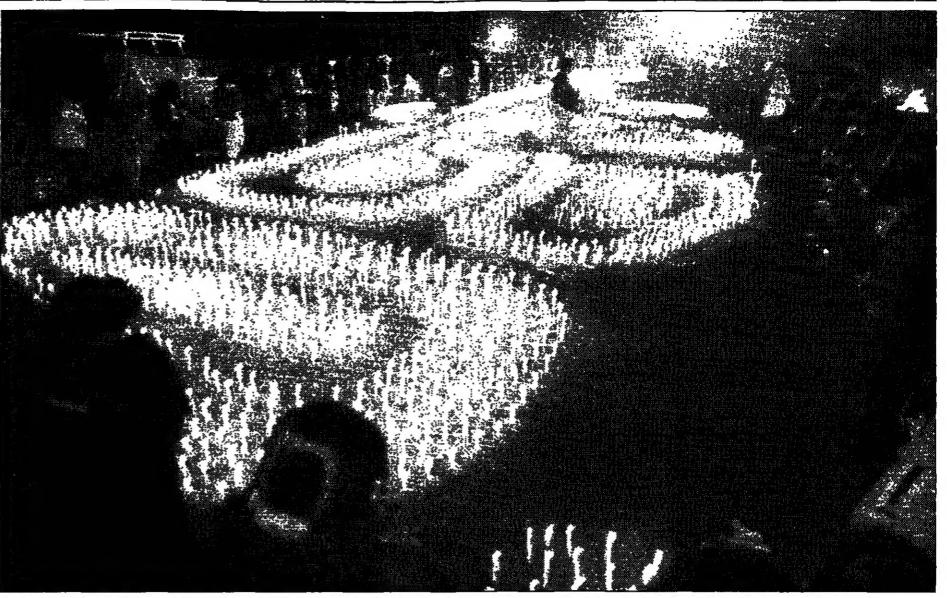
Arba, near Hebron. Israel Radio said the two were soldiers. The army closed the area, and said it was checking the report. Relations between Israeone side, and Hamas on the

fices should also conduct their regular business on Sat-Israelis shot urday, when they are nornear Hebron mally closed for the sabbath.

"It is giving rightwing Jew-ish organisations access to the exact place they are dreaming of reaching," he said. Only about 55,000 voters

have registered in Jerusalem, less than two-thirds of those eligible, and the turn-out in the city is expected to be well below the average. Rightwing Israelis want to keep the figure low, to prove their point that Jerusalem is different and that Palestinians in the city should not feel any connection with the self-rule gov-

WORLD NEWS 7



Quake anniversary . . . Japanese pray around candles set out in a pattern of island for the 6,000 victims of the earthquake that hit the city of Kobe a year ago today

Indian politicians charged with graft

in Bombay NDLA'S political landscape was in upheaval last night after the federal in the ruling congress () and opposition parties, with receiving bribes in an £11 mil-lion corruption scandal. The police also sought pernission from the supreme court to charge three cabinet ninis The Central Bureau of Investigation's long-running inquiry into illegal foreign currency transactions looks ready to erupt into the largest political scandal for more than a decade - both for its financial scale and the involvement of so many politicians from across the spectrum. Last night the scandal claimed its first prominent victim when the president of the main opposition Bhara-tiya Janata Party, L. K. Ad-vani, resigned his seat in par-liament after learning that he had here charged had been charged. Mr Advani said the charges

Bangladesh is due

for an election within

weeks, John Burns

in the capital reports

BangLADESH faces a deadline next week which could determine

whether its five years of de-

mocracy will survive or yield to the autocracy, military rule and political violence

that have been its lot for 15 of

its 25 years as an independent.

country. The government of Khaleda Zia and the opposition parties have been at stalemate for al-

most two years in their nego-tiations on terms for a new

parliamentary election. Under the constitution, the

country must vote by Febru-ary 22 — and closing day for nominations for the 300 par-

iamentary seats is January

Mrs Zia has twice put off

the election since the parlia-ment elected in 1991 ended its

ment elected in 1991 ended its term in November. Senior members of the government have said they are ready to hold a poll without the oppo-sition, a development that many fear could lead to wors-ening violence and interven-tion by the army

tion by the army. Several weeks of talks be-

tween Mrs Zia and her main political rival, Sheikh Hasina

Wazed, mediated by the

United States ambassador David Merrill, have failed to

settle a dispute marked by

street protests, general strikes, bombings and per-haps a score of deaths since

the opposition walked out of parliament in March 1994.

country's other main cities.

including the port of Chitta-

gong, were virtually shut officers. - New York Times.

This week Dhaka and the

Syzanne Goldenberg

in the forthcoming general election Because the BJP had taken up the corruption issue, "the government has gone on the offensive, which is the best form of defence," an aide to

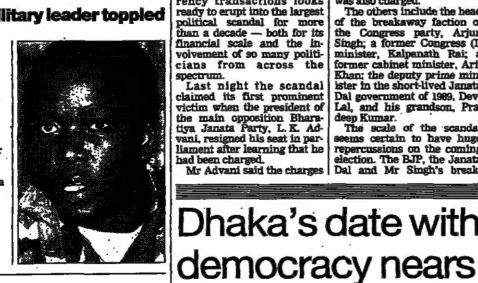
Mr Advani, Deepak Chopra. said. Mr Chopra would not confirm news reports that Mr Advani would not contest the general election, expected to be held in April. The leader of the opposition tracts from the government. one side, and the northern state of Bihar, If convicted, they face up to other side." in the northern state of Bihar, the BJP's Yashwant Sinha, five years in jail. was also charged. The others include the head of the breakaway faction of the Congress party, Arjun Singh; a former Congress (1) minister, Kalpanath Rai; a former cabinet minister, Arif Khan; the deputy prime min-ister in the short-lived Janata Dal government of 1989, Devi Lal, and his grandson, Pra-

to make corruption an issue

had become a party to the conflict. -- Reuter, Monrovia.

Sierra Leone's military leader toppled

SIERRA Leone's head of state. Captain Valentine Strasser, was overthrown yesterday and replaced by his deputy, the armed forces chief Captain Julius Maada Bio. The new leadership declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew and said all ministers should report for consultations. State radio said Capt Strasser, who took over in a 1992 coup, had been removed because he attempted to force his ruling council to pass decrees enabling him to stay in power. He has left the country. - Reuter.



Hostages write to relatives

THE four British researchers being held hostage in the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya have been allowed to write home, an indication that their Free Papus Movement (OPM) kidnappers are in no hurry to release the

Indonesian television said yesterday that the Britons — Wil-liam Oates, Daniel Start, Anna McIvor and Annette van der Kolk - together with the two Dutch people and eight Indonesians still being held had written to relatives saying they were in good health and asking for their prayers. Military sources said the rebels were divided, some wanting to

Mintary sources said the rebels were divided, some wanting to prolong the crisis, others keen to free the bostages. Frank Momberg, the German wildlife researcher temporarily released on Monday, has undergone medical tests. Some sources said he was severely traumatised. He has not yet been returned to the hostages as promised in the deal between the Indonesian army and the QDM and the OBM.

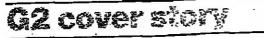
and the UBM. Reports from Mapunduma, the village the bostages are believed to be in, reveal that the rebels do not have the support of the villagers. Elders have apparently vowed that the 2,000 villag-ers will kill all the kidnappers if any of the bostages are mur-dered. — John Aglionby, Jakarta.

Killer saved against her will

THE life of a convicted murderer scheduled to be put to death in minois this morning was spared yesterday, even though she had asked for her execution to go ahead. The governor of Minois, Jim Edgar, announced yesterday

The governor of lilinois, Jun Engar, announced yesterday morning that he had commuted the death sentence passed on Guinevere Garcia for the murder of her abusive husband in 1991. Garcia had attacked human rights groups fighting to save her life, insisting that she was resigned to dying for her crimes. The 37-year-old former prostitute had already served a ten-year prison sentence for smothering her 11-month-old daughter. — Jan Kotz, New York New York.

> The team at Central Office has once again played into Labour's hand. Setting the agenda is half the political battle; and by week two stakeholding has become the agenda.



deep Kumar. The scale of the scandal seems certain to have huge repercussions on the coming lection. The BJP, the Janata

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ment after the assassinations,

Dal and Mr Singh's break-

Jains, who are based in Ma-dhya Pradesh, had kept de-tailed records of the transactions, which involved the movement of funds out of Indis without government clearance.

Militant groups and the criminal underworld often resort to foreign exchange smuggling to hide their illgotten gains abroad, but a CBI investigator said this was the first time the agency had linked politicians to the practice.

Dhaka's date with Top-level talks dash hopes of East Timor breakthrough

> down for two days by a strike. With less than a week before nominations close, foreign lan Black in London and Nick Cumming-Bruce In Bangkok diplomats and Bangladeshi

peacemakers are gloomy LIGH-LEVEL talks on about the chances of a compromise. "There's very little give and take," said a Bangladeshi go-between. "It just doesn't seem to be part of the political cul-ture. And the level of personal Rast Timor between Indonesia and Portugal in London yesterday failed to address the crucial issue of sovereignty, despite earlier hopes of a breakthrough in the search for a solution to the 20-year-old conflict. The UN secretary-gen-eral, Boutros Boutros-Sheikh Wazed has demanded elections under a neutral caretaker government, as in 1991, which was Ghali, chaired a seventh biwidely hailed as the fairest ever election in Bangladesh. Mrs Zia has offered to step down before the poll, but inannual meeting on the issue but apparently found little room for manoeuvre between two governments sists that executive power in which do not yet seem ready to compromise. Nego-

> Indonesia's foreign min-ister, All Alatas, said the talks had been constructive and that "substance" had been discussed about "a possible framework for a

Asked whether self-determination had been dis-cussed, Mr Alatas said: man, regarded by many Bang-ladeshis as the country's "From the very beginning the purpose of these talks was to find something that is neither the basic position founding father. She was the only member of of Portugal nor of Indone-sia. If you keep on these basic positions nothing is his immediate family not present on August 16 1975 when army officers assassi-nated Sheikh Mujibur, then negotiable." "Substance" means ultipresident, and 15 close rela

tives. Sheikh Wazed remained abroad, mostly in mately the political status of East Timor, invaded and India, until returning to con-test and lose the 1991 election annexed by Indonesia in 1975. This is still not recogas leader of the Awami nised by the UN.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 Indonesian troops are fight-League, which her father had headed. Mrs Zia's husband, General ing about 200 rebels seek-Ziaur Rahman (not related to ing independence in East Mujibur Rahman), took Timor in a sporadic war. As the talks got under way, Amnesty Internabut was killed in 1961, also tional said the human while president, by dissident rights situation there remained "critical".

Hamas, the militant Islam-Investigators said the

ist movement, has urged Pal-estinians to boycott the election, but has said it will not try to disrupt polling. The main risk of confrontation comes from the Israeli nation-alist right which, like Hamas, bitterly opposes the self-rule

peace process. Rightwing groups have called on their followers in Israel and in the Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank to gather in the city on Saturday. Aharon Domb, a settler spokesman, denied yesterday that anything ille-gal was being planned.

"All the activity in Jerusalem was co-ordinated with police and approved with police and approved with the aim of diminishing the number of possible confrontation points," he said.

Protests are expected in sev-eral locations, culminating in a huge prayer meeting at the Western Wall, the focus of Jewish faith, in the Old City. Unlike the electoral dis-tricts in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, where Pales- by insisting that the post of- dent on Monday night.

lis and Palestinians in the ernment in the West Bank. Hebron area are extremely A small group in the opposi-tion Likud party, the Young Generation of Likud, has put tense. Hebron is the only big

Palestinian town from which Israeli troops have up posters in Arabic, warning potential voters that they risk not withdrawn. Israel is losing their Israeli-issued identity papers, and therefore their right to live in the city. scheduled to pull out of the area in March. - Agencies.

The group is headed by Dani Danon, aged 25, who hopes to be the youngest candidate on tinians will vote in hundreds of schools and other public the party list in this year's Isbuildings, polling in Jerusa-lem will take place in five raeli general election. He told the Guardian that post offices. Israel insisted on separate arrangements to

he had neither sought nor received party approval for reinforce its position that Jethe poster campaign.

rusalem must stay united "We are saying to the Pales-tinians that they are Israeli under Israeli sovereignty. But Palestinians say some residents holding Israeli idenvoters will have to travel many miles to reach the post tity papers, and that in the future, when Likud is in offices. Four of the five are power, we will do whatever is very small, and with an aver-age of 10,000 registered voters in our power to make sure that Jerusalem will stay

per post office, long queues are likely. Faisal Husseini, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Jerusalem, accused Israel yesterday of in-creasing the risk of violence

united.' · Palestinian police in the West Bank town of Bethlehem said yesterday they had ar-rested three men in connection with the wounding of an Israeli man in a shooting inci-

Republicans carve out an à la carte budget

Martin Walker in Washington

HE US budget battle is about to take an extraor-dinary new turn into uncharted constitutional waters as the Republicans prepare an à la carte budget i funding only the programmes

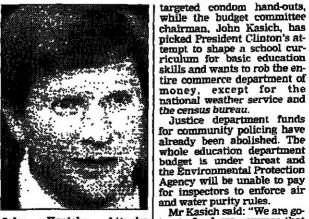
In the justice department budget, for example, they have drafted legislation that funds the FBI and the Drugs Enforcement Agency. But they earmark no money for the civil rights division, which brings legal actions to enforce race and sex discrimi-nation laws.

Staff and congressmen on the House appropriations committee are breaking down the \$1,500 billion government edifice into individual prothe \$1,500 billion government edifice into individual pro-grammes, and plotting to starve to death the ones they list whole swaths of tradido not like

tional government that are to be eliminated. These include The first target was President Clinton's AmericCorps all the department of labour's programme, a domestic ver-sion of the Peace Corps, activities except its data-collection, all the planning funcswiftly followed by the tions of the housing depart-National Endowment for the ment, and everything about Arts and the Public Broad- the department of energy excasting Corporation.

"Those aspects of the fedclear stockuile. eral government that have a broad national mandate will ing up his own private bug-be covered, but not those pro-grammes that are supported lican whip, Tom DeLay, has ecutive responsibilities.

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John Kasich: Attacks Clinton school curriculum

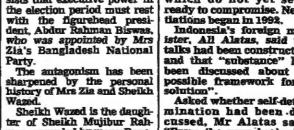
we think are important. And we are not going to fund programmes that we do not think are important. We think that only by a narrow minority of will put pressure on the president.

The White House has vowed to veto any bill which would plunge the government back into the partial shutdown which arose from the deadlock between president and congress.

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But this is an issue with constitutional implications which could yet go to the sucept its stewardship of the nupreme court. Congress's at-Every Republican is offertempt to pick and choose among programmes could be seen as an infringement of ex-

tiations began in 1992.



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In search of a big idea

Can London give meaning to the millennium?

who meet today to decide the site of the proposed Millennium Exhibition due to open on January 1, 2001 should thrust sentiment aside by choosing London. By the time it opens on January 1, 2001 it is expected to cost £300 million half of it coming from the National Lottery. Birmingham, the only other place under consideration, has obvious merits including a thrusting corporation and an existing site well provided with infrastructure. But this is a project in a thousand years. It has to go to the nation's capital in order to maximise the number of visitors it will attract in a year and to give it the best chance of survival thereafter. If the exhibition is in London it will have a spin-off effect on the rest of the country by attracting more tourists from overseas. It needs to. Upwards of 25 million visitors are expected during 2001 — much more than Disneyland, Alton Towers and the British Museum combined.

It is a good and imaginative idea to celebrate the millennium, but there are two big weaknesses. First, whether the exhibition will be good enough for London and, second whether London will be good enough for it. At the moment it is a grand project without a Big Idea. The 1851 exhibition celebrated Vic-torian pride in Britain's industrial supremacy (even though decline was already setting in): The 1951 Festival of Britain waved goodbye to post-war austerity. The 2001 exhibition so far has no grand theme and imaginative thinking is needed to prevent it from becoming a rag-bag of industrial and cultural brica brac. Time is short. There are less than five years for it to be built compared with 7 years for a typical Olympic games. It can be done. Deadlines can be a tremendous creative force and the conscription of Sir Richard Rogers last month was a shrewd move.

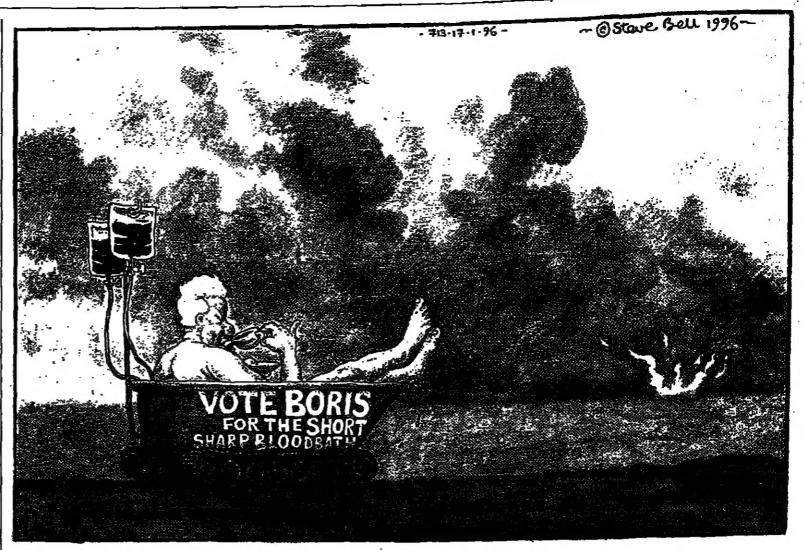
THE MILLENNIUM Commissioners | wards of 25 million visitors? One of the reasons why London is to be preferred is that capital cities are dynamic elements in economic growth. A report published yesterday by the Greater London Group at the London School of Economics argues that Britain as a whole gains from a concentration of. economic activities in London. Of course the LSE and London Transport (which commissioned the report) have a self-interest in the outcome, but the arguments are strong. London is a "world city", it is argued, because of the clustering effect of having concentrations of activities - from finance to the arts - located in one place. What is threatening London's world position is the lack of transport infrastructure to convey visitors and workers in and out of the centre without causing gridlock on the roads. Two projects with a high rate of return — the £2 billion CrossRail link joining the west and east of London and Thameslink 2000, a cost-effective £900 million scheme to remove bottlenecks from Luton to the South - have been lying inert since 1989. A fifth terminal at Heathrow has yet to be decided and the fast rail link from the Channel Tunnel - which could have been up and running by the millennium - has yet to be authorised.

The Millennium Exhibition is a good thing in itself, but it it must be planned within the context of an evolving London. The proposed site at Greenwich is close to Stratford, a central plank in Michael Heseltine's dream of a Thames corridor. Maybe the Royal Opera House's search for a temporary Thames-side home while Covent Garden is being rebuilt should be directed to Greenwich where it might acquire a permanent role as something else. Lopdon has a vital catalytic role to play for the whole economy. But unless the right transport infrastructure is in But is London ready to receive up place, it will be doomed to failure.

Prepare for a hollow victory

Yeltsin will pay a political price for his actions in Chechenia

THE OUTCOME of the battle for Pervo | Russian city of Budyonnovsk. Now maiskava is hardly in doubt: given (after the Chechen seizure of hostages in their overwhelming strength, Russian Dagestan, followed by still more hosforces are bound to take this bleak tage taking in Grozny and on a ferry in the Turkish port of Trabazon yesterday. Yeltsin really had very little choice: he could not let the Dagestan raiders regain their hideouts in the hills of Chechenia unless they let go of their prey. And this they refused to guarantee. Russian sledgehammer tactics are would be wrong to argue that Yeltsin is certainly unappealing. And given that after a two-day onslaught, Pervomaiskaya still remains in Chechen hands, they are obviously not very efficient. This is primarily a reflection on the Russian army's ineptness - perhaps the British government's Know How Fund should be invited to proffer a Moscow deaf to all compromise and course in SAS expertise. But inevitably there is also a substantial political price rebellion by force. On both sides, there is double-dealing, cynicism, internal for Boris Yeltsin. As Russia's new Parliament assembled in Moscow yesterrivalries and disregard for human life. Costly mistakes have been made. Duday, Yeltsin's opponents saw the latest dayey is far from a squeaky clean turn of the Chechen crisis as powerful leader whose life has been dominated ammunition to argue that he is unfit to by a search for Chechen independence seek a second term as President. The or autonomy. He is a man prepared to Communist party leader, Gennady Zyucountenance hostage taking and the use ganov, declared that Yeltsin was no longer able to guarantee the Russians peoples' "right to life and security." Yeltsin for his part made a cardinal The liberal Yabloko group asserted that his behaviour demonstrated that he posed a danger for Russia. It is too soon to judge how deep the Chechen factor will bite into Yeltsin's waning popularity. But it is certainly an inauspicious beginning to Yeltsin's - still unofficial election campaign.



Letters to the Editor

College, Sheffield, and intro-duced himself with the unfor-gettable words: "My name is Tate, spelled T-A-T-E." One of Low Fold Barn, Lothersdale, the pupils blew a raspberry and simultaneously blew away any credibility Dr Tate

thought he may have had. De La Salle College was a direct-grant Catholic boys' grammar school, now long de-molished, probably to the relief of Dr Tate. It was run by a religious group known as the Brothers of John Baptist De La Salle and was an institution where punishments were often meted out indiscriminately and violently by some, using an imaginative array of implements, including straps, canes, pencil boxes, bunsen-burner tubing, or a plimsoil.

Within such a regime of strict discipline, fear, vio-lence and bullying, the pupils tended to imitate the traits and moods of their matters. Some newly arrived teachers managed to seize the initia-tive and survived. Dr Tate failed to do so and suffered the consequences. What fol-lowed for the next two years can only be described as truly

EARLY 30 years ago, a but I fear that once again he right, how surprising then that sometimes teachers find is out of step and out of time that sometimes teachers find it hard to tell pupils what is good and what is bad. Mike Leaman. with a philosophy I perceive as an apologia or mea culpa for his De La Salad days. 7 Brooklyn Avenue, Loughton, Essex IG10 1BL.

West Yorks BD20 8HD. T IS in the very early pre-school years that children

Schools, we are now being told, should teach the difference between right should be taught right from wrong and also hear that im-portant word "no". In 14 and wrong, preferably through religion. Those who are demanding this seem unyears as a primary head-teacher I was often quite apaware that there has never palled at the lack of basic been any consensus as to what the difference is. As long ago as the 5th century BC, Plato pointed out that either what is right is right because God says so, or else God says it is right is is the function of the funcideas of right and wrong in the reception-age children. If children are brought up in households where "anything goes", it is difficult for teachers to eradicate errors. It must be galling for teachers constantly to have public crit-icism: it is not for them to right because it is; in the for-mer case "That is right" meaning no more than "God says that is right", and in the take on all society's ills. Omar Beg. latter case religion presuppos 11 Shortwood Road,

ing morality. What schools should do is instil the need to live by as universally accepted as poss-ible a code of conduct. If there is uncertainty about how to do this, there is (or was until recently) an extensive body of professional scholars to whom educational practitloners could (have) turn(ed).

Moral of Dr Tate's tale Arthur Scargill's new party will sort the pinks from the reds

MOST of us old middle-of-would agree with the general thrust of your leader (Janu-ary 15). While we have invari-ably considered Arthur Scar-with it. Tony Blair has rightly gill's proclamations to be honest but foolish, we are now finding young Tony's utterances are a cause for concern.

Some years ago we hoped for salvation from those other defectors who formed a new party. Unfortunately what they called social democracy looked to us like the Conservative Party Mark 2. Kinnock took on the fellow travellers and we cheered, Blair got rid of Clause 4 and

we applauded — too soon. He now seems intent on doing what the Gang of Four failed to do: that is, turning the Labour Party into a Conser-vative Party Mark 3. We want to be pro-Labour, not just anti-Tory. Some-where on the road between

Pucklechurch, Avon BS17 3PL. DOES anyone believe that kids take notice of teachers' moral lectures? Morality revolution and reformism, real and acceptable Labour policies are expiring from necannot be taught, it must be glect. It should not be nece sary to mention universal free health care and educalearnt. And you cannot learn morality by watching most adults — teachers and curriction, but if you add long-term ulum advisers included. As any Summerhillian will tell plans to take the utilities back into public ownership you

for us.

Surrey KT2 5TP.

made the key point that, if Labour is to succeed in government, we must promote both competitive flexibility in our economy and security and stability in our society.

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Economically, there is no al-ternative to a close partner ship between private indus-iry, the finance sector and the state, to end the destructive short-termism of recent years. All the world's most success ful economies have developed in this way. They have also promoted a modern training and education system so that citizens can take advantage of economic opportunities when they arise. Most have also sought a social partnership between employers and employ-ees. The term "stakeholder economy" captures these objectives very well. Michael Meacher MP.

Shadow Secretary of State for Employment. House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.

OUR generation saw as

village, or rather what is left of it by way of shattered lives and buildings. But it will be a hollow victory unlikely to bring the Chechen leader, Dzazokhar Dudayev, to his knees, and more than likely to weaken Boris Yeltsin's political standing at home and abroad. It only earning his just deserts. For, even if it is impossible to remain indifferent to the firepower raining down on Pervomaiskaya, this is no black and white struggle between oppressed freedom fighters and a dictatorial regime in determined to extinguish the Chechen of brutal methods, who is no longer in full control of all his fighters.

mistake when he first ordered his forces into Chechenia in December 1994 and compounded his problems by ambivalence towards a negotiated settlement after the military agreement signed last July in the wake of the costly Chechen raid on the southern

When yellow and green don't go

The Newbury LibDem MP's support for the bypass is odd

ASK most people which is the greenest | ing the demand for - that's right of the three main political parties and more roads." Protecting the environthe chances are that they will choose the Liberal Democrats. Not without reason, either. The LibDems pride themselves on their consistent concern for the environment and regularly denigrate their opponents for having skindeep or non-existant green credentials.

LibDem conferences are always full of green claims. Indeed only last autumn Paddy Ashdown went out of his way to devote a large part of his Glasgow party conference speech to the superiority and distinctiveness of his party's attiudes to road traffic. Cars are | people as odd, and will inevitably cast choking our country and our children. he said. The Conservatives' only answer was to build more roads. This meant, Mr Ashdown said, "More roads, spawning more service stations, throwing up more development, swallowing mental concerns. It is scarcely surprisup more green fields, encouraging more ing if some people think this is not cars, causing more pollution, increas- borne out by their stance in Newbury.

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ment, he said, means changing habits we have taken for granted for years.

This does not necessarily mean that the local LibDem MP David Rendel is wrong to support the controversial Newbury bypass scheme, of which he is such an energetic proponent. It is certainly possible to argue that, while new road schemes in general are undesirable, the Newbury scheme is an exception. Nevertheless, Mr Rendel's unswerving commitment to the controversial bypass will strike many some doubt on the credibility of his party's environmental claims. In Glasgow Mr Ashdown said that Liberal Democrats could be trusted to take tough decisions in support of environ-

horrendous. The top-stream form behaved for this particular teacher like predatory animals. There would be the initial pain of entering the classroom to be greeted with a gradual build-up of abuse and insults, and an exasper-

ated outburst from Dr Tate. Dr Tate was a decent man with, no doubt, impeccable cademic credentials, but he had arrived at this particular school 20 years too late. The epic heroes of his history books were long gone, and we were well into the swing of the sixtles, where our heroes were pop musicians. I wish him well with his proposals,

La traviata

AS THE gentleman who un-reporter in the Royal Opera House box office, I should like to dispute a couple of her inaccuracies (A fright at the Opera, January 11). Firstly, we gave her more accurate information than we probably should have about Andrew Follon's whereabouts. More importantly, Mr Follon's untimely demise is vividly remembered as only one of a number of management deci-sions that rankle. Ironically, of course, it will be those of us who deal directly with the public who will bear the brunt of any anger resulting from the documentary. The House. After all, railing against the artistic establishment that some of our management represent can seem as unproductive as complaining about being misrepresented by a reporter eager for a glib line. eph Green

The Box Office, Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD.

THE BBC World Service is yet again under threat by a government that displays little understanding of this unique asset. The World Service, unlike other international broadcasters, retains independent editorial control of its output. This is the significant reason why the World Service holds the enviable position of being trusted worldwide and has the largest international audience. A rolling cut of £20 million

will result in many vernacular languages being cut. The Foreign Secretary should recognise that the World Service allows Britain to punch above its weight. Phil Symcox.

(Retired chair of BBC World Service BECTU.) 4 The Woods, Scrub Lane Hadleigh, Essex SS7 2JF.

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you, morality arises from life, ader in Logic (Retired), Philosophy Dept (Defunct). Exeter Univ (De-philosophised). not lectures. Roland Anderson. Head of Humanities, 76 Sylvan Road. zeter EX4 6HA Summerhill School Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4HY.

EACHERS do have an im-portant role to play in HE notion that children need to be taught the difeducating children to under-stand moral values. However, ference between right and where should they point their pupils to for examples of good practice? The monarchy as a role model for family values? wrong bailles the Japanese, who think of children as inherently good. "The trans-ition from child to adult-hood," says the educationalist Yoschiaki Yamamura, "Is Industrial hosses as examples of moderation? The Church as considered a step down." David Gribble, a bastion of truth and spirituality? And if John Major and

Tony Blair can't tell us the difference between left and West Aish, Morchard Bishop, Excter, Devon.

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to the south.

OVR PIPED MUSIC CASK A new pub tradition is born NINETBEN-eighty-four has i its architecture, decor and, reached the Harvester above all, in its customers. It pubs of Britain. Bass, which is the people who have owns the chain, dictates to its supped in the pub over the bar staff at what volume the piped music should be played, depending on the time of the years who have contributed to making these places unique. By imposing music day and the day of the week. Bass is contravening this

The music is, of course, chotradition. sen by Bass HQ. A Rudd. Traditionally, each English 1 Matthews Street, pub shows its individuality in Reigate, Surrey RH2 8ES.

A veritable mine of information

GEORGE MONBIOT (Indo-Gnesia exploits remote Freeport is offering the land that the world forgot, January 12) restates misinformation which distorts the reality of Freeport's mining activities in Irian Jaya. reduce infant mortality and In the late 1960s, when Freedramatically cut the inciport first arrived in the area dence of malaria. Economic of the present Grasberg mine, initiatives are providing capital and training for local en-trepreneurs and the developno one lived at the high altitude (11,000 feet plus) mine site, and only 400 lived in the ment of sustainable skills. corridor between the mine Had Mr Monbiot visited the

and the coast, some 75 miles Freeport operational area, as have many RTZ executives The fact is that the indigesince the company acquired branch had a full suite. There

nous people have never been an 11.8 per cent interest in its forcibly relocated as a conse-US-based parent early last quence of mining and no one is "threatened with eviction" year, he would have seen the beneficial results of the \$14 by the mine's contemplated million a year communityexpansion. As confirmed pubbased projects. licly in October by the gover-John G Hughes. RTZ Limited,

nor of Irlan Jaya, Freeport has met its obligations under 6 St James's Square, its contracts of work, includ- London SW1V 4LD.

then have the basis for a the welfare state. We expected party which would be clearly different from the other two life-long care. We believed, too, that the means test had as well, I believe, as being been consigned to limbo. We did not run a car and popular. Blair's intention of abandoning the central planks of Labour's policies and princi-

ples to gain power may suc-ceed, but to what end? We pale pink Old Labour voters are hardly likely to follow Scargill into the wilderness, but we could well jump ship in despair. The disaffected Tories who just might grit their teeth and vote Labour this once will be no substitute Maurice Jennings. 31 Latchmere Road. Kingston-upon-Thames,

THE danger for Tony Blair is that there will now be not just an alternative focus for leftwing parliamentary organisation but also a credible examination of his policies from the left, something which has until now been successfully crushed within the Labour Party. If Labour gets elected next time, will it be as New Labour or Not The Major Party? Or does it If Scargill helps clarify New

Labour, he will have done yet another big favour for democracy. Ian Pollard.

28 Malton Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

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A Country Diary

LITTLE HEATH, BERK- | subfloridana I think: identifi-HAMSTED: The oak's lower cation is a specialist business with many lichen groups). This was quite exceptional, as beard lichens are meant to indicate extremely pure air and this tree is no more than 25 miles north-west of the centre of London. But I was mystified as to why I could see nothing like this great constellation on any other low and and well-moistened branches in the wood. Then I realised that what this arch of wood (one of the tree's main forks) had made by all but breaking off was a considerable skylight for itself; and lichens, being partnerships between chlorophyll-free fungi and rootless algae, need light to prosper just as much as waterborne nutrients. I was delighted that we had, improbably, moved into a clean-air zone, and with the thought that, up in the sunlit canopy, epiphytic plants might be thriving as invisibly as they do in the rainforests. tufts of a beard-lichen (Usnia

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chose to let a room in our house, so our capital and income put us just over the means-tested-benefit point. We have recently paid for new spectacles and costly dental work and expect that the surviving partner will have to sell the house to fund residential care. The suggestion that we should buy a car, stop letting the room, and plead the statutory level of poverty is perhaps not so silly. We are not too concerned about the final form of Blair's Clause 4 alternative, but would dearly love him to evoke the spirit of the '45 Labour government and reintroduce a welfare system free from the means te We would like to be stakeholders in that society. Keith & Sheila Jones. 21 Silver Street Glastonbury BA6 8BS. THE Socialist Labour Party was created in 1902. Shouldn't Arthur Scargill therefore call his party - New Socialist Labour? Allan Kassell 23 Vernon Road, Harrogate HG2 8DE, We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

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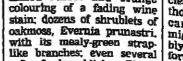
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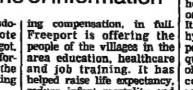
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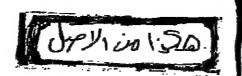
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rib must have cracked and slewed down to an almost horizontal position during one of the late autumn gales. It was on one of the self-sown hybrids between sessile and pedunculate oaks that are quite frequent amongst the older groups of trees on our common. But far more remarkable was that its entire upper surface was matted with lichens, a real, thick, West Country quilt of them. I tend not to see many ostentatious lichens on trees this far north in the Chilterns, except for a few rosettes of the foliose kinds - and then chiefly on ash trees. But this oak were at least four Parmelia species, including one I couldn't place which had the mixed russet and orange







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AM distressed to learn that an old royal rumour is circulating once again; it is the one about Prince Andrew being sired by Lord Porchester, the son of the Queen's racing manager, and possibly in a stable. We experts, or "royal watchers" as we pre-fer to be styled, seldom dig-nify such foolishness with comment (Nigel Dempster did speak of it once in America, it's true: but even he has yet to share it with his British audience). However, this case demands a different approach, since the catalyst for this malicious gossip is the fearsome Kitty Kelley. Her royal biog raphy is expected very soon, and is thought to contain not only the Andrew paternity puzzle, but sev-eral other bombshells as well. A doughty monarchist, the Diary cannot stand idly by and watch the mystique of our royal fam-ily be imperilled by an American scandal-monger I have therefore decided to

launch a pre-emptive strike, by making Poison Pen: The Unauthorised Biography Of Kitty Kelley the new Book of the Month. In the weeks ahead (and with Her Majesty's tacit ap-proval), extracts highlighting Miss Kelley's relationship with the facts will appear, serving to defuse her most explosive missiles before sbe attempts to deto-nate them. It is, Ma'am, the very least we can do.

FTER a series of burstallation Technology put in a "smoke cloak" alarm -- a device that fills the building with smoke when activated -on the advice of their insurers. The system has been a tremendous success: al-though it overheated on its first weekend of service, setting several buildings ablaze and causing severe damage to property and stock, not a single item of stock has been stolen since it arrived.

OWEVER bleak the economic indicators, one industry that never suffers is the Kray industry, and soon to be published is the 17th book on the twins, The Barmaid's Tale by Mrs X. Mrs X (then, per-haps, Miss X) was working at the Blind Beggar the night George Cornell called Ron-nie "a fat poof", an impertinence for which he paid the ultimate price. The book is not, apparently, exclusively

Only basket cases need apply

Commentary in effect be abandoned This year's review of public spending was billed as "ex-ceptionally tight", involving "tough decisions" — but the phrases have been so de-graded by over-use that few believed it. But this year really was different Already it is public knowledge, for ex-ample, that the prison service and the BBC World Service are facing a degree of strin-gency that menaces their *********************** B RITAIN may be a global power with global interests. as the Conservative right like to boast — but that RITAIN may be effective functioning, now the ODA can be added to the list of lambs sacrificed to the al-tar of a 20-pence standard rate cuts no ice with the Government when it comes to devel-opment aid and assistance. The aid programme, emascu-lated over the Conservative of income tax. The fundamental review, agonising enough, had been based on the pre-budget figures; now Novem-ber's cuts more than warrant years, is now set to shrivel ts pessimism

The details of the Funda-Britain's aid budget is an obvious target for public ex-penditure savings. The bene-ficiaries do not vote in Britmental Expenditure Review of the Overseas Developmen Agency (ODA), in the hands of the Guardian, show that ain; the benefits are diffuse, and New Right theories of the government now plans to offer only limited aid to som economic development argue that aid, rather like welfare, at best is ineffective or at 20 of the world's poorest countries - and in the long run even that greatly-scaled vorst generates a culture of back commitment may be under threat. Without rising dependancy. Private investment is a pri-

contributions to the EU and the existing commitment to ori better than any public in-vestment or assistance; and it the World Bank, which in any is only through the private sector and marketisation of their economic and social spheres that underdeveloped case the review says should be wound down if possible. Britain's aid effort would in countries can make any pro-gress with their ambitions to effect become little more than poverty relief and technical ssistance for basket cases grow and better their The systematic attempt to aid condition the less developed countries The aid budget has been

taking hits -- with the singu-lar exception of the period mounted since the war would when Chris Patten ran the ODA - throughout the Conservative years. When the Conservatives took office, aid represented 1.6 per cent of Central Government Expenditure; by 1997/8, on last November's public spending plans, it will have halved to 0.8 per cent. At less than 0.3 per cent of GDP in 1994 it was well below the average in the Suropean Union, and is set to fall still further. This alone might have been

manageable in terms of trying to maintain a comprehensive aid programme — smaller, but spread equitably between the various rivals for the cake. But what has produced breaking point is that this deline has interacted with rising British commitments to multilateral institutions such as the UN and especially the European Union. The EU's aid budget is set to rise year by year for the next decade after the agreement brokered by Mr Major at the Edm-burgh Summit, and rather than find a fresh aid allocation like the rest of Europe the government has chosen to meet its rising EU aid con

mitment from within the de-clining budget given to the ODA. Rising multilateral commitments within a falling overall budget have put the rest of Britain's aid programme under intolerable strain; hence the crisis. The authors of the Funda-

mental Review do their best

when Britain gives a recipi-ent country assistance directly, has an excellent track record compared with other developed countries' aid programmes. Moreover, aid has powerful beneficial feedback effects on the British econo-my: witness the trebling of British exports to Ghana be-tween 1964 and 1983. In any case Britain, as a major trad-ing nation, has an important interest, they say, in the avoidance of political insta-bility arising from extreme that a billion people still live in conditions that are absolutely indefensible.

ET, says the review, the reality has to be faced that Britain's aid budget is so con-strained that bilateral assistance to most countries now falls below critical mass. The eovernment has to respond as a company would under such pressure: focus on specific areas. Infant mortality, literacy and poverty are worst in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia — India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan; and Britain should aim to concentrate 85 per cent or more of its aid on 20 countries in these two regions and forget the rest.

In the Caribbean, Latin America, the rest of Asia and the Pacific the aid programme, say ODA sources, will in the long-run be run down completely.

But the politics of aid sug-gest sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia can expect a simi-lar fate; even under existing plans their aid budgets are

more than respectable results - and that bilateral aid, surtions or and, there are less juicy orders to be won. By the early years of the next cen-tury, unless policy changes, we can expect vary little bilat-eral British aid at all. Yet bilateral aid, aside from its intrinsic usefulness in the

its intrinsic usefulness to the recipients, is important in extending Britain's influence both internationally — and within the multilateral institutions like the EU and the World Bank. A bilateral aid fer can trigger EU or Bank other can trigger SU or Bank aid on British terms both in terms of programme design and orders to the UK. But with Britain winding down its bilateral trust funds with the World Bank, that is a game that in future will only be played by the Insurance

be played by the Japanese, French and Germans. The idea that instead, Britain can carve itself a role influencing the policies of the World Bank, IIN or the EU without the financial leverage of bilat eral aid, and simultaneously try to cut back on its multilat eral contributions, is for the hirds.

There remains, however, the larger question. Is the quest for a 20-pence standard rate of income tax a matter of such overwhelming import that not merely the universal welfare state at home but Britain's ald effort abroad should be progressively de-bauched? In an NOP opinion poll only 11 per cent of res-pondents thought that the government should spend less

than the penny in the pound it currently does on aid. But if no political expression is ever given to that voice, the British should not be surprised at failing. They have no strong the choices allegedly made in domestic constituency fight- their name.

nay have to live out a good

Martin Woollacott calls for curbs on the mayhem of 'small wars' like the Chechen conflict, while below David Hearst explains the Russian military embarrassment

A war without rules



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

to keep both Britain's aid pro-gramme and its rationale – ranging from humanitarian to hard economic arguments method. They dispute New Right theories of growth, ar-guing that aid has produced focus more on building up education, health and govern-ment structures rather than the massive dams or power stations of old, there are less



David McKie

IRST, an apology. Michael Foot described Norman Tebbit not as a "semi-trained polecat" but as "semi-house-trained polecat", which was what I thought I had written last week till the telephone started to ring. Goodness knows what became of the house. Repossessed, I assume. A reference to Ernest Bevin hearing someone say that Herbert Morrison was his

own worst enemy, and riposting: "not while I'm alive, he ain't", has also been challenged. Some say this was Bevin speaking of Bevan rather than Morrison; some think it was Attlee of Bevan (In which case you have to replace the "ain't" with an "isn't"). Others mentioned as contemnar or contemnae in-clude Dalton, Crossman, and

Cripps. Pick virtually any pair and you could be right. In a week when a minister (Alistair Burt) writes to the Times to condemn the views of his former leader, while other MPs use a Finance Bill debate to try to settle One

Nation scores, that's a useful reminder that throat-grabbing feuds among close political colleagues were not invented by the present regime. Almost everyone now looks back to Attlee and his government as among the greatest successes this century - the only other contenders being the Camp-bell-Bannerman Liberals. And with achievements to their name like the NHS and the independence of India that accolade is hard to withhold. But it can't have been how it felt at the, time. It's almost

impossible now to compre hend how a government could have withstood the problems weighed even more. An electorate more accustomed, after which fell upon Attlee in 1946the war years, to enduring, 47. The King's Speech debate more instinctively loyal, less at the start of the session pro swaved by short-term factors voked two huge backbench than today's shop-around rebellions. Some 60 MPs vote. And an electorate, perincluding Foot, Crossman haps most crucially, which had voted Labour in '45 out of Nye Bevan's wife Jennie Lee positive hope and commitand the young Barbara Castle

papers, switched off the street lights and closed down rail passenger services. A ferocious economic crisis in the summer led to a barrage of fresh privations, including a cut in food rations, especially meat, a ban on all foreign travel for pleasure, and aboli-tion of the basic petrol ration. Backbenchers alternately raged and quivered. Ministers gunned for each other, and for Attlee. In the spring of 1947 George Brown warned Dalton, to whom he was PPS, that during late-night sittings the lads were clamouring for Attlee to go. A bizarre attempt at a coup began in the autumn, when Cripps and Dalton told Morrison, the deputy leader, to tell Attlee it was his duty to make way for Bevin. Morrison was affronted: not because he thought that Attlee should be preserved, but because in his view the man to take over wasn't Bevin, his old antagonist, but himself. Yet throughout all the mis

adventures of 1947, the Con-servative lead on the polls never rose above five per cent. Even the 1949 devaluation, a memory which seems to have terrified Labour economic spokespeople ever since, brought no obvious retribution: five months later, Labour had nosed ahead of the Tories. The 1945-51 Labour govern-ment never lost a byelection seat — unlike the Major goveroment, which has never even retained one.

HAT wasn't because the people were out of the picture. Their priva-tions were all too real, and the squabbling all too open. On the other hand, the gov ernment's torments weren't rammed down the voters throats every 10 minutes. The TV news barely mattered. The radio news was trammelled, cautious, restrained The newspapers, constrained by newsprint restrictions which the economic crisis tightened, had little space to deploy. But other factors must have

saw — and luckily so, since it would in that event be the slimmest volume since the SwissCanadian joke book. Worryingly, it seems that the resources of potential authors with strong **Kray** connections are becoming depleted. The next blockbuster is expected to be: Hats Off To The Twins! (They Only Done It To Their Own!), by Jack McVitie's milliner.

WO months after students soaked them with paint, Brian Ma-

whinney and Alan Duncan have finally got round to putting in their expenses for their ruined suits. The Tory chairman has claimed a modest £200 for his whistle, while little Duncan (deputy head of paperclips at Central Office) has put in for £1,000 — a sharper disparity even than it seems, since the Duncan suit can barely have required half as much cloth.

News, there comes a timely reminder that the prison system has its ROM Prison Service humane side after all. In a vox pop asking screws where abroad they would most like to work, and why, Mark Plummer dreams of a job in a Saudi Arabian nick, as they still have corporal and capital punisb-ment"; Robert Taylor goes for Singapore, because for Singapore, occause "they put people in prison as a punishment"; and Andy Cothup is one of several to plump for America, "as the prison regimes are much tougher, and prison officers all carry guns". Those three gentlemen are invited to contact Michael Howard,

who is making an early start on his next Tory conference speech.

OCA-Cola has been forced to withdraw several thousand advertising posters distributed all over Australasia, after both a tumescent penis and a wide open mouth were discovered hidden in the artwork.



WHERE YOU CANCET TO THE BEAD BOORE THE GERMANS

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HERE sometimes political gains by threatening nic Russian civilians in the comes a point in to execute the hostsges, or by territory, most of whom have creating the conditions in war where one or which the hostages were likely to be killed, morally the both sides ceases to fight to win and begins to fight simply to wound and rend. That point has been same thing, became its pur-pose. Even if the Russians passed in Chechenia, and invented the story about the killing of hostages at Pervopassed by the Chechens mayskaya, it is still the Che-chen and not the Russian forces who put those people, rather than by the Russians. The world needs to match its dismay at Russia's harsh methods with a condemna-Dagestanis and fellow Muslim tion of the ill-judged means with which the Chechens are Caucasians, in harm's way. Such a tactic is immoral in pursuing their cause. Do the Chechens want to itself and immoral, too, in that it does not advance the

always lived there, perhaps coming to be seen as targets. The argument that the weak have no choice but to use the weapons available to them is always produced in these cases. But moral considerations touch both the stron-ger and the weaker sides. Sha-mil Basayev, the leader of last June's assault on the Russian town of Budennovsk, model for the present tragedy, was asked recently whether there was any act against the Rus-sians he would not commit, if he were certain it would lead to independent According

against Russian policies. The argument that civilians are fair game leads in all wars to angry a force to be tamed by

rules or by world opinion. Yet rules and world opinion have frequently affected it, and can sometimes prevent the worst. the worst excesses. Chechenia is far from the only instance where the in-transigence of both sides and The picture in Chechenia is a terrible one. On the one side the impossibility of a clear military outcome means that the most terrible violence can be perpetrated without affect-ing the odds on the final are Russian forces, illtrained, over-equipped, plagued by rivalries between different units and command-ers, and undoubtedly responresult or shortening the con-flict. Thirty or more "small wars" afflict the planet. Most are internal affairs. Some are sible for atrocities. They have pursuing their cause. Do the Chechens want to stand with the Algerian ex-tremists, the Lebanese hos-tage takers, the Palestinian occupiers of Israeli schools, or those responsible for the Lockarbie crash? The Che-hard immoral, too, in that it does not advance the remote prospect of a Chechen to the Rossian side who want a military so-then raid into Dagestan may hostage-taking for its own sake. The attempt to secure half won the war, but, through both military and political incompetence, cannot make a peace. On the other are Chechen fighters, who seem ready to target Russian and other non-Chechen civilthe fight. Both deserve can sure and to be reminded that this is not only their war, but ours as well, since its effects, in oblique but unpleasant

Dark days for yesterday's heroes

NONE blitzkrieg of a day | recorded what everyone | who advocated the disman-in December 1979, the | feared — artillery barrages | tling of everything con-Sovjet Union's crack | and tank fire flattening the | nected with the Soviet | they are now foreign | under-resourced | and KGB and army paratroop- | school roof where some of | Union, only to bemoan Yelt-Sovjet Union's crack KGB and army paratroop-ers captured the airport in Kabul, the Afghan capital, creating a bridgehead for invading troops; then they stormed a presidential pal-ace defended by hundreds of troops and killed its oc-cupant, Hafizulla Amin. Today the same units — backed by tanks, helicopter gunships, ground-attack school roof where some of the hostages were being held.

heid. The press spokesmen have been apeing the lan-guage of the Gulf war and the Bosnian crisis, where Nato briefers displayed film of their surgical strikes; but the evidence of an attack more akin to the first world war is before the public's eyes. The Rus-sian consumer of news has become so conditioned to backed by tanks, helicopter gunships, ground-attack aircraft and artillery — have taken two days to cap-ture a village in the North Caucasus, defended by 200 Chechens armed only with portable weapons. Wave after wave of "crack" expect a disaster from an expect a disaster from an operation carried out by its government that the in-stinctive tendency yester-day was to believe the Che-chens, when they denied executing two of their when bestmass on Sundar troops have gone into Per-vomayskaya — and wave vomayskaya — and wave after wave have been beaten back. Has concern for the fate of the hostages blunted the Russian bayonet? Ap-parently not. The Pervo-mayskaya operation has been conducted in full view of the cameras, which have

sin's lack of executive munist map makes no sense power and the rise of a nationalist opposition. The two are linked.

two are linked. The Soviet Union could offer its best and brightest soldiers something more precions than training, co-world war. Yeltsin and his offer its best and brightest soldiers something more precious than training, co-ordination, and the best available equipment — ide-ology. It had ceased being Marrist-Leminist, but it had a clear concept of the Moth-erland. The Union had its ordination with than a patriots, and with them a Most Russian troops you coherent concept of meet in Chechenia agree national security. The bor-ders of the Union made sanse to those sent to guard them.

more immediate fears: the actions of the man behind under-trained the army is; besides, this "army" is a myriad of squads respon-sible to at least three differ-

to them. A poor case has been sible to at least three differ-made, in their minds, for a made, in their minds, for a chachenia, the Russia's crack troops are of 10 years of the victims of 10 years of "reform". If widowed, their wives, and children, may remain without flats or a remain without hats or a pension that withstands in-flation. Their two com-manders in chief — Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yelt-sin — regularly betrayed them: Gorbachev was hated be the Abbu was hated by the Alpha crack unit after refasing to own up to the operation against Vil-nius Television Station in January 1991

Still less do they respect a

January 1991. Such crack units have spent the past five years being bounced like a yo-yo between one ministry and another, only to arrive hack where they started with the old KGB. Why stick your neck over the

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Recognition of certain lim-ts in this kind of war is critical, because the escala- tacking the whole direction of ate voted holding its nose, tion of the means of wounding the enemy proceeds apace. On the side of government forces that takes us to undiscrimi-nating bombardments of cities and towards genocide. On the side of rebels the temptation is to carry the war to the enemy at the enemy capital. At one end of that spectrum are raids like that on Budennovsk and Kizlyar. At the other is Semtex in Moscow, or worse: nerve gas, or the nuclear bomb in a suitcase that is now, unhappily, a not-incon-ceivable option. War is too red-eyed and

vances and sudden, unex-pected retreats. On-the-

ground elite troops have

vote. There were 72 Labour votes on second reading against the Government's Bill for peacetime conscription. By then a cruel winter, comby striking at people distant from the theatre of conflict, or at the enemy capital. At one sures which shut down the gramme, still further emaci-

foreign policy for getting too close to the US. Sixty to 70 had held power too long, but abstained when it came to the fearful of the alternative.

To return to Bevin and somebody's own worst enemy: that somebody might well have been Morrison, whom Bevin used to heckle cruelly in Cabinet, and of whom he warned those who would listen: "Don't believe a whole of productive industry, putting two million out of work, turned off domestic ume life of Bevin says that the power for five hours a day, target was Bevan, and that silenced the BBC Third Pro- Attlee was there, and loved to recall it. Before such a source, ated the thin little news- all others must bow.



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Kaye Webb

Young readers start here



NE OF the most dynamic, yet least ikely, literary gu rus of our time was Kaye Webb, who has died aged 81. Effer-vescently creative, and dedicated to giving the young what she called "the experience of books", as editor of the Puffin children's paper-backs in the sixties and seventies she took sales from 700,000 to 11 million plus.

She also founded the Puffin Club which meant she in a way personally touched the lives of 70,000 youngsters. Long grown up Puffineers journalists, publishers, novelists, playwrights, education-ists, mums and dads, still reading, still scribbling publicly or privately - continued to the end to send her flowers. to turn up for lunch, to write recalling their crazy expedi-tions, competition hopes and treasured books. She was, and

always will be, their Kaye. Webb liked to portray her young self as a buxom, uneducated wench dreaming only of marriage and six children. but her background and vora-in later life battled with brave impatience against repeated operations and crippling pain - belie this. Her great-grand-father was the Webb of the "Penny plain, tuppence coloured" toy theatres, her grandfather was a printer. her father foreign correspondent of the old Herald and news editor of the Irish Times, where her mother was drama critic.

At 16 Kaye was inventing film reviews from blurbs in her mother's absence and earning tuppence a letter answering fanmail as Mickey Mouse; at 17 she was George the Inquiry Man on Picturegoer; and by 21 she was. in-congruously, editing Caravan World and Sports Car.

At 24, she became secretary to Lionel Birch, then nursing Picture Post through its

but reproduces the sounds

melodiously. What this sug-

gests to me is not only that

culture can begin to heal the wounds politics creates, but

also that all of us in the age of

world music are willy-nilly

citizens of the world. In a

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The Puffin Song

Laurie Lee - and her vivacious coaxing conjured mir-acles from a low budget as the famous did her bidding out of amused exasperation and pure affection. The intervening years en-

compassed not only Lilliput but work in broadcasting and forces' magazines, as theatre critic on the Leader. features writer for the News Chronicle, and editor of the Elizabe than for children, while later the warmth and bounce of her personality brought her television success.

After the war she had met and married Ronald Searle, a young artist who had contributed to Lilliput before disappearing into a Japanese prison camp: together they produced twins, John and Kate, and several books. She delicately balanced his strength and evocative power with gentle verbal hints -

Looking At London, Refugees 1960 (a poignant report on an ugly scar in Europe); The St

Trinian's Story (marvelling at the bolting success of Searle's "ghastly girls"); and Paris Sketchbook, a source of pride and wistful tears after the marriage ended painfully. She met publisher Allen Lane while editing Impres-sions, a printing and publishing house magazine. She went

to interview him at a health farm. and accepted his invitation to stay the rest of the week. He, like her. simply enjoyed people. After taking her round a paper-manufacturing plant. he invited her to be a Penguin art editor. While she hesitated. Tony Godwin

asked her to be an outside editor for Puffin, and in 1961 she took over full-time. By the mid-sixties she was on the Penguin board, one of the first women directors in British publishing, Her dedication to quality brought commercial rewards. you?

She introduced Young Puffins and Picture Puffins, and the words of two small boys over-heard in a library. "If it's a

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everything by in 1967, founding the Puffin Club. whose magazine, annual exhi-bitions, and Colony holidays and activities put her in direct contact with the tastes and interests of children of all kinds. Webb won the Eleanor Far-

Above all, she 'humanised

ieon Award for distinguished services to children's litera-ture in 1969, and was made an MBE in 1974. When she retired in 1979 she left a leg-acy not only of quality read-ing but of excellent editors trained and inspired by her. She was emotionally de-manding but gave unstint-ingly of herself in return, gen-

erous with practical help and praise. Even in retirement (an alien concept), frustrat-ingly in a wheelchair and in constant pain, she continued to write and edit anthologies. The bright edge of her voice still sparkled, the energy and warmth still glowed, the alert interest in the details of evervone's life and the open frankness about her own remained undimmed.

For the astonishing number who were lucky to count themselves her friends, and for the countless thousands who were once "her" chil-dren, Kaye Webb was very special.

Staphanie Nottel

Michael Bond, author of th Paddington bear books, writes: When Kaye Webb was conceived someone, some-where, must have waved a magic wand and instilled in her a touch of Irish magic. Ideas bubbled forth unceasingly, and if you managed to catch only a very few you were always the richer.

Those members of the Puffin Club lucky enough to meet her loved her not simply be cause she always greeted them as equals, but because she knew the most precious thing you can give a child is your time, and with that she was unstituting. Her magic worked for adults too. Life with Kaye

around was never dull. Once when I telephoned her to say I had a manuscript to deliver, she suggested I drop it in to her home. As I was about to hang up, she added: "Darling, could you bring a shovel with

Knowing Kaye of old I con-veniently left it at home, and was rather pleased when it turned out she wanted a



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PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN WILDGOOSS less children and terrified art | midnight and found ourselves locked out. We spent the next six freezing hours in

his retirement. elderly, treated the whole

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Career carved in English

Frank Quinn

N 1948 I was Principal of Ruskin College when I received a letter from Willesden Educational Authority saying that a man had applied to them for a grant to study English literature at the college. They thought that at 43 he was too old to change careers but that if we accepted him they would make him the

grant When Frank Quinn came up I asked him what this career was that Willesden thought it too late for him to change. Stripping down and refining wooden furniture to make it saleable, he said, and he was tired of that. "Then", I asked him, "what is it you want to be?" "A professor of English literature," he replied. And he became one.

Frank, who has died aged 90, was Glasgow Irish, and he left school at 13. When his mother died in the 1918 flu epidemic he had to help bring up the three younger children. His jobs included work in a rolling mill, managing a bookshop and serving as a barman. But he attended Glasgow University evening classes, and in 1937 won a scholarship to Newbattle Abbey Residen-tial College. Then came naval war service, furniture fixing and more self-education. I found him remarkably wellread in prose - he had even read, and finished Moncrieff's translation of Proust. At the end of the interview I said

Blow the rules. You're in". After two years at Ruskin Frank won a state scholarship which took him to Magdalen College. When he had taken his degree, C S Lewis, then a college fellow, told him that the principal of Haverford, the Pennsylvania Quaker college, was in England looking for a recruit to their English de-partment. Might he suggest Quinn's name?

Frank said that he came from a Catholic family but now had no religion, and surely that would hardly do for a Quaker college. Lewis, to his great credit, replied, "You talk to the principal of Haver-ford about English literature and leave any talk about reli-gion to me." Except for a sab-batical to take an Oxford B Litt, he stayed there until

His happiness was complete when Doris, a fellow-student at Ruskin, secured the post of faculty secretary at Haverford and they were able to get married. She made her own reputation at Haverford, in retire-





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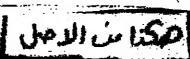
had fallen dramatically in four years. By the end of his

parted office, one would not willingly have left him in charge of a corner shop, let alone in charge of the world's most powerful state; but this raises the question of whether, in practice, running a corner shop is more difficult and less forgiving of error than being head of government. The owner of the shop cannot rely on a huge apparatus to prop him up, un-like the politician in office. The corner shop stands or falls by the conduct of its owner; the fate of the United States, unfortunately, depends on a rather more complex set of circumstances. The greengrocer theory of world leadership, outlined by

AM Daniels in his review for the Times Literary Review of Hugh L'Etang's book, Ailing Leaders in Power,

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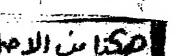
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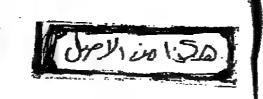
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Warburg 'traded Forte shares'

Paul Murphy

BC WARBURG, one of Forte's closest City advisers, is believed to have been speculating on Forte's fluctuating share price while the hostile takeover bid from Granada has progressed - with the investment bank effectively hedging its bets in the event that Forte loses its independence. Share-dealing activity by Warburg's proprietary trad-ing desk contrasts sharply with the conduct of Forte's

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offering corporate finance advice behind "Chinese walls" - can be abused or simply

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American investment bank J P Morgan, which is said to have slapped a global restric-tion on trading in either Forte or Granada as soon as the bid

was launched. The news is likely to rekindle worries in the Square Mile that the unique "dual capacity" of London's major trading houses — allowing them to operate mar-ket-making and trading div-isions while at the same time offering corporate finance ad Warburg declined to com-ment yesterday, while the Forte camp simply stated that it believed its adviser had dis-

closed its trading position properly. The head of equity trading

drew an accusation from the public domain, and to restrict Forte camp that the raid had such dealing would be tanta-mount to an admission that This is nothing more than the Chinese walls do not a desperate attempt to restore momentum to its misguided work.

The bidder's brokers, BZW and ABN Amro Hoare Govett, meanwhile, launched a marbid. Granada has yet again shown its true colours by fa-vouring certain shareket raid on Forte stock. (against the 386p "see thru" value of Granada's mixed cash and shares offer), the predator gobbled up a 9.2 per cent stake in its target. The

sholders over others," Sir Rocco Forte said in a statement Granada's advisers insisted they had received an "excellent response" from the mar-ket, adding that the company

firepower" ahead of the close of the bid next Monday.

Shares in Forte jumped 14%p to 380%p, while Gra-nada was up 23p at 693p. Meanwhile the Trade and Industry minister, Ian Lang, confirmed that he would fol-low acadian advise from the low earlier advice from the Office of Fair Trading to refer Granada's proposed acquisition to the Monopolies &

Mergers Commission unless the company formally under took to dispose of Forte's motorway service station interests.

Rate hopes keep fact that Granada stopped short of the 9.9 per cent it was allowed to buy under City takeover rules immediately drew an accusation from the former allowed of the close



Alex Brummer

COULD have been thought that UK share prices might be tumbling, given the gloomy sconomic prospects in our most signifi-cant Continental markets and the broadside against the Treasury's own forecasts by the Commons select committee. But not a bit of it. The word on the European

bond markets, reflected here in gilts and equities, is that this weekend's Group of Seven meeting in Paris will

put pressure on governments across Europe to ease mone-tary policy, to head off the slowdown and to countar the tough fiscal policy being im-posed by the Maastricht oriterts

criteria. This is not entirely fanciful. Even if the G7 cannot forge an agreement on lower interest rates, the mere act of discussing the issue will almost certainly filter through to the monetary authorities in most of the major economies who, in any case, have been lowering interest as witnessed by the pre-Christmas cuts in the US. Germany and France.

the problem. As the SIB has now for-For its part, the UK equity market is also being kept in a high state of excitement by maily acknowledged, the first deadline was missed at the end of 1995 when the first pri-ority group — many slready retired and soon to be retired transformer. Ware meant to the Granada siege of Forts, reinforced by the purchase of a 9 per cent stake in Forts ina 9 per cent stake m forts in-terpreted by some as a sign that Gerry Robinson has the upper hand. Maybe, but this was a less bold raid than some had anticipated and could be seen as reflecting a lack of confidence in its gen-eral offer to all Forte transferees — were meant to be dealt with. The delays, SIB now says, have been due to software problems, which by most accounts are still to be resolved fully. Anyone who has followed events at the Stock Exchange cannot have eral offer to all Forte any great confidence in the ability of any of our big finan-cial institutions fully to control the IT agends.

Fury as Scottish shuts two breweries

1,600 jobs lost as Labour blasts boom in boardroom and bust for workforce. **'Obvious Tories unfit** to run country when Chancellor's local brewer axes people'

Roger Cowe

STORM of protest met yesterday's an-nouncement from Britain's biggest brewer, Scottish & Newcastle that it is to close two breweries following last year's £425 million takeover of Courage. The axing of Nottingham's Home Brewery and the Web-ster's site in Halifax, together with 13 distribution depots around the country, will lead to 1,600 job losses. Labour's employment

spokesman, Ian McCartney,



P & O also considered its management structure. The concept of executive chair-man is looking increasingly outmoded as has been seen in the last couple of months with the eruption at Cable & Wireless (where shareholders also have been uneasy) and at Forte, where the pressure ex-erted by Granada has forced

ate far better returns, with

the focus on the Carribean. But it is perhaps time that

change. P&O believes that, with the upgrading of Tim Harris to assistant managing direc-tor, to work with MD Sir Bruce MacPhail, it has gone some way to share power at the top. A clear separation of responsibilities between a non-executive chairman and managing director/chief executive plus greater focus on succession would, however, plainly assist.

Pensions deadline

HE interim report from the Securities Investment Board, on the misselling of up to 500,000 personal pensions, hardly makes for reassuring reading. The life offices and Independent Financial Advisers who moved with such speed to persuade people to transfer out of occupational pension schemes into personal pan-sion plans are moving a great deal more slowly in resolving

said the news undermined the Government's attempts to talk up the economy and he seized on the fact that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is one of Nottingham's MPs. "It is obvious that the Tories are unfit to run the country when even the Chancellor's local brewery is axeing jobs." he said. "This news symbolises life in Tory Britain boom in the boardroom and bust for the workforce."

Brian Revell, drinks indusers Union, pledged to try to save the breweries. "We will explore every possible means of saving these breweries, which have a long history in their communities." He blamed the Government's Beer Orders, following

A spokesman for Scottish Courage, the brewing subsid-iary of the Scottish & Newcas-tle group, said the closures, a Monopolies Commission report in 1989, which have resulted in greater concentra- phased over the next nine months, would take out 1.5 mil-lion barrels of annual production of brewing. The Campaign for Real Ale tion, in a market of roughly 36 million barrels. The decisaid there was no need to close the Home Brewery.

sion stemmed from a six-"Camra calls for the brewery and its tied estate to be put up for sale rather than closed," month review, which aimed to and its tied estate to be put up for sale rather than closed," said campaigns manager, Stephen Cos. "Several sauder breweries have been saved in the past few years by management buy-outs or in-dependent management." Scottish & Newcastle said the closures were necessary campaigneed by Several back of large, low-cost, flattile breweries was selected for closure be-cause it was a small difficult

because of excess production cause it was a small, difficult lion and will even capacity in the nine plants site and did not produce lager. 175 million a year.

Brian Reveal, drinks induse try national secretary of the Transport and General Work-ers Union, pledged to try to save the breweries. "We will be courage takeover. Camra dismissed this. Mr Cos said the difference in production costs would be insigstantial investment.

Home ales will continue to brewing merely resulted in be brewed, under licence, by Mansfield Brewery, which will make Lion beers, originally brewed by Matthew Brown, which was acquired by S&N in 1967 and then closed down. Webster's, Wilson's and other brands brewed at Halifax will be made elsewhere in the group. The two brewery closures announced yesterday will cost almost 360 jobs. The remaining 1,240 redundancies will come from depot closures where there are overlaps between the two constituent companies, and from administrative staff in London, Edinburgh and Bristol The redundancies, some

eries a century ago. Michael Ellison, chief ex-ecutive of Calderdale Coun-cil, said 600 people worked at the Fountain Head when compulsory, will cost £80 mil-lion and will eventually save

THE historic building on

Many of the workers were too angry to speak as they made their way to a union briefing in the site restaurant yesterday lunchtime. "It's just very disappointing," said one. "Halifax is becoming a zhost town."

John Rusby, a racker Scottish Courage site in October, ending two centu-ries of brewing in Halifax. aged 52, had survived one round of redundancies at the plant, where he has worked for 32 years. "You've just got to carry

on," he said. The 178 employees will join around 6,000 people seeking work in Halifax, which launched its latest he became the council's appeal for government and brewing equipment."

senior officer 14 years ago. | European Union aid on Fri-At 7am yesterday the first day. The town is surshift learned they would be rounded by areas with among the last. European Objective 2

status, making Halifax "the hole in the doughnut", said Steven Bonfield, who leads the chamber of commerce. Pam Warhurst, leader of the Labour-controlled council, called on Scottish Courage to reconsider the closure while options, in-

cluding a management buy-out, were examined. "We are not giving up the ghost," she said. Alice Mahon, the town's Labour MP, disputed com-

pany claims that the plant was outdated. "When I have been round in the past couple of years I have been shown state-of-the-art

Rough passage

shareholders.

struction by the independent Whith its shares Financial Advisers. Their ex-cuse for slowing matters down has been the fear that if dubious distinction of being the highest-yielding stock in the FTSE, having recently displaced Hanson in this honoured position. As with Han-son, the high yield at P&O appears to reflect the view that the company has become too highly geared - borrow-rudderless under the leader-ship of Lord Sterling.

Given these reservations in the City, P&O now seems more determined to address some of these issues. In an effort to bring down borrowing it is flirting with the idea of selling its bulk container fleet, estimated to be worth 2200 million, which recently has returned to profit after years of losses. It is also looking at the possibility of inject-ing its container fleet, which ties up a great deal of capital, into a joint venture with one to cut through the bureauof the other large container operators so as to lower its P&O hopes, might release destroy confidence in the some capital to be invested in UK's system of financial its cruise lines, which gener- regulation.

they were to settle the claims they would put themselves out of business because of the inability to obtain personal indemnity insurance at a may now have been smoothed. However, as the SIB acknowledges, many IFAs are not yet in a position to deal with the complex software required to calculate restitution. There is also a view, how-

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ever, that the IFAs — unlike the life companies — do not see restitution as a matter of urgency. The longer they de-lay, the more likely it is that the richer life companies will be forced to take up the slack and dispel the shadow over the industry. Resolution of the problem should not be delayed any further: the regulators, the SIB and the Personal Investment Authority, need cratic excuses and force the life companies and the IFAs

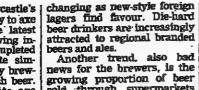
S&N turns off taps as drinkers' habits change

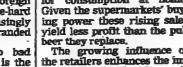
Outlook/As regional beers and foreign lagers win acceptance, [rather than breweries be-] Whithread does go ahead, the | its eponymous brand, include brewers swing the axe. Pauline Springett reports

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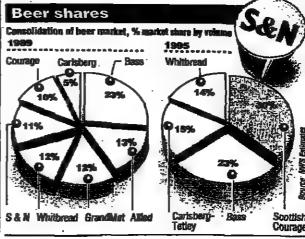
COTTISH & Newcastle's changing as new-style foreign decision yesterday to are lagers find favour. Die-hard beer drinkers are increasingly attracted to regional branded yield less profit than the pub evidence that the brewing in-dustry has far from completed its consolidation. Quite simply, there are too many brew-ers producing too much beer. Beer drinkers' habits are sold through supermarkets





is that consumption of bog-standard bitter is on the de-cline and the upshot of that is more breweries are likely to blayers have been forced to concentrate on market share. So volumes have been more much speculation about important than price.

company would become the largest UK brewer. That is a slot currently Label. Bass's room for maoccupied by Scottish & New-castle, following its purchase last year of Courage, S&N's



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Australian gay bank aims to siphon off 'pink dollars'

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

Gina Lyons, convener of the Gay and Lesbian Financial GAY and lesbian co-op-berative-style bank, com-plete with credit cards and a full range of financial ser-vices, is due to open in Sydney and Melbourne, Aus-tralia, later this year. Millions of "pink dollars", form the higher-than-average Institution Research Project,

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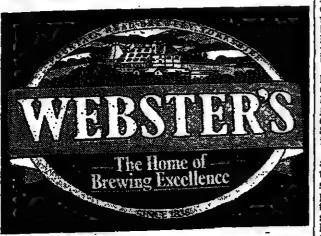
Millions of "pink dollars", sexual respondents, showed from the higher-than-average incomes of many homosex-friendly and discriminatory. uais, are expected to leave mainstream banks for the that a bank refused to recog-

new credit union. The gay community says the move is necessary be-cause the banks refuse to instead of a couple. Others

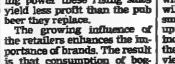
The project, developed with funds from the Australian Fi-nancial Institutions Commis-sion, will also be once ager of group communica-tions at the Commonwealth Bank, said anyone could heterosexuals.

The bank, as yet unnamed, is to offer joint accounts, home loans, superannuation a joint account.

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No longer at home in Halifax



be shut. Not only will that have a big impact on local em-ployment, but the price of beer should eventually rise. The brewers are certainly hoping, the price will rise. Competition between brewers has been so intense that the

The situation has been exacerbated by the new regulations designed to loosen the stranglehold of brewers on

the bigger moneyspinners. As the table shows, there are now four big brewers. The rest of the market consists of smaller, local brewers about whom the prognosis swings wildly. Some analysts say the small guys are poised to clean

Nartyn Halsall

the label of Webster's bitter, "the home of

brewing excellence since 1838", joined the casualty

list yesterday as the Fountain Head Brewery, draw-ing water from a Pennine

spring, faced closure with the loss of almost 200 jobs.

Time will be called on the

West Yorkshire. The town had an estimated 100 brew-

up as the big players find it increasingly difficult to sell

increasingly difficult to sell their beer. The alternative view is that they will be inev-itably swallowed up by their bigger tivals. But because more than 80 per cent of beer is produced by the big four, it is their de-cisions which will shape the market for the foreseable

market for the foresceable future. The baby of the four -just — in volume terms is Whithread, whose best known brands include Flowers, Hein-

much speculation about whether it wants to buy out

Carlsberg-Tetley, or one of the two pariners in this joint venture, which was formed CHCC stranglehold of brewers on pubs. The 1989 Beer Orders forced breweries to sell thou-sands of pubs. Some brewers have since decided their future lies in owning pubs

noeuvre has been constrained by its size which would be likely to provoke a monopobest known brands now in-clude McEwans, John Smiths, Courage Directors, Theakston lies investigation if it atchude McEwans, John Smiths, Courage Directors, Theakston and Boamish. Rival Base has been com-paratively quiet recently. Its big name tipples, apart from

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Mirror, mirror ... Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine unveils Pilkington's revolutionary new method for making mirrors in Letham Lancashire, where he earned the title "King of the Bungle" by announcing unemployment figures 24 hours early

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G7 pressure on Germans to lead fight for jobless

Larry Elliott nics Editor

RANCE will try to persuade Germany to spearhead a Europewide fight against rlsing unemployment and loomssion when finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven industrial nations meet in

Paris on Saturday. The French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, and Finance Minister, Jean Arthuis.

stressed yesterday that Paris and Bonn were looking at ways of boosting activity after recent signs of weaker erowit

Speculation that the Bundesbank might agree to joint action to kick-start the European economy sent share prices soaring, even though most analysis believe a cut in German rates is unlikely at tomorrow's meeting of the central bank's ruling council. The FTSE-100 index closed almost 50 points higher as dealers shortened the odds on UK base rates being cut from their current level of 6.5 per cent at some time in the next

couple of months The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and Bank of England

Governor, Eddie George, meet today for their regular assessment of monetary pol-

icy, but the City is divided on delight the beleaguered the chances of an easing in French authorities. Mr Juppé said France and policy so soon after Decem-Germany would, in the comber's quarter-point reduction. ing days or weeks, weigh Gerard Lyons, chief economist at Japanese bank DKB, said: "My view is that they ought to reduce rates straight measures to stimulate their economies. "We are going to see with Germany what kind of measures we are going to take, each of us individually," away. Clarke has both economic and political reasons he said.

for cutting, but I think they'll He was echoing remarks made yesterday by President Ian Harwood, head of eco-Jacques Chirac, who said he nomic strategy at Kleinwort Benson, said he believed the had been talking with Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl about French might go it alone if the Bundesbank declines to cut its discount rate tomormeasures to boost economic

growth and job creation. row. "The economic news in Mr Arthuis said he wanted to see real interest rates fall so that their level was "more France, as in Germany, has been awful lately. Unemployin a line with growth ment has been shooting up in both countries

targets". Both the French and the Mr Harwood thought the German governments are constrained from giving their likeliest outcome of the G7 would be for the Germans to economies a fiscal boost by their aim of cutting budget deficits to hit the Maastricht agree to a further fall in the value of the mark, which has started to slide against the US convergence criteria for a dollar in recent weeks. single currency. • American billionaire fl-Despite attempts by the

Bundesbank president, Hans nancier George Soros added to the brighter mood by say-Tietmeyer, to talk up the prospects for stronger Gering the yen would continue to weaken against the dollar for

the next two years. "The sup-ply of yen is growing much faster than the supply of dol-iars," he said, adding that US monetary policy was too tight and the federal funds rate would fall

man growth in the second half of 1996, the strength of the mark is seen as damaging German exports. Mr Tistmeyer hinted this week that German rates could be cut again if the money sup-ply figures continued to be weak, a move which would

P&O plans cargo shake-up

Simon Beavis Industrial Edito

volve some amall coastal But it is thought that he may also soon unveil a new tis-up in containers with one of P&O's big European rivals, such as Hapag Lloyd, carrier fleet and the

following a growing trend in the sector towards alliances and joint-ventures to allow boost shareholder returns, is the main players to spread believed to be looking at ways of shifting resources from its the costs of renewing capacity. maritime freight activities towards the more incrative

to 482p yesterday amid sug-gestions that Lord Sterling like iron ore and coal. was preparing a disposal of P&O's 5200 million bulk fleet is a deal which amid sug-to the bulk division's recent return to the black. But with the market dogged in a deal which could also in-

by overcapacity few believe a ale will be sasy or quick The group is said to have

been vigorously pursuing talks with other container operators on a possible tie-up and some observers believe a deal could come soon on this front

Investors, concerned at the group's £2 billion of debt and high gearing, have been in-creasingly restive in recent City watchers believe that Pšo has returned to the idea of selling off its fleet of 14 bulk ships, used mostly for City watchers believe that months. But most have seen the group's property division as the most likely area for disposals,

News in brief

NatWest set to axe 450 high street jobs

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is poised to announce up to 450 extra job losses across its UK clearing bank network. The cuts, which are being negotiated with banking and staff unions, are expected to be finalised in the next few weeks. A NatWest spokesman stressed that the bank was looking for voluntary redundancies.

It is understood that the latest redundancies are part of a round of 3,000 cuts from last year. The spokesman acknowledged that NatWest had cut 20.000 jobs in the past six years, but said that most of those had also gone as a result of voluntary redundancy. Banking union Bifu estimates that UK banks have cut around 110,000 jobs since 1990. - Pouline Springett

Society halts account gamble

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society has closed all membership accounts to new investors. The society, hotly tipped as the next to announce a flotation, withdrew the accounts yesterday due to high levels of speculative account opening.

Share accounts were being opened by investors hoping to cash n on a windfall should the society decide to become a bank

US banks profit rises prompt loans warning

Bert Tran in New York

reported robust results. Chase said fourth-quarter POSSE of big US banks A yesterday reported profits surged 48 per cent to fourth-quarter results but an-\$340 million from a year ear-lier, easily exceeding ana-lysts expectations. alysts at once warned of a Profit from the bank's possible erosion in profits

amid growing problems with global financial services business, including securities consumer loans. trading, surged to \$158 mil-lion from \$35 million in 1994, For the fourth year run ning, the sector enjoyed re-cord profits as banks cut costs

while retail banking profits and a healthy economy rose to \$137 million from boosted lending, securities trading and other businesses. \$120 million. The results show "growing

momentum in several of our core businesses," said Citicorp, about to be overtaken as America's largest bank, saw fourth quarter Thomas Labrecque, Chase profits fall to \$905 million chairman and chief executive officer. Shares in Chase Man-hattan gained \$2% to \$59%.

corp. Chase Manhattan and Chemical Banking, both reported robust results. ever - Fleet Einancial agreed to buy National Westmin ster's American commercial banking unit for \$3 billion and First Union is buying First Fidelity for \$5.1 billion. But some of the big regional

banks are beginning to see an increase in problem loans as American consumers now face their biggest debt burden in nearly four years.

Instalment debt has increased by \$225 billion in the past two years and home mortgages are up by nearly \$300 billion.

Even with the decline in interest rates in 1995, the cost of

Sgroup, P&O, is consider-ing a significant shakeup of its cargo operations with plans for a disposal of its bulk probability of a new alliance in containers. P&O, headed by Lord Ster-ling and under growing pres-sure to make savings and

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despite its having raised the minimum investment last month to 55,000. The withdrawn accounts are the Tessa, Bonus 90, Bonus 180 and Midas share accounts. The changes do not affect the Alliance's 4 million existing members. — *Cliff Jones*

PowerGen board shake-up

A BOARDROOM shake-up at PowerGen, the smaller of the two power generators, was announced yesterday with chief executive Ed Wallis relinquishing day-to-day running of the group to become chairman with responsibility for overall strategy. He will replace Colin Southgate, also head of Thorn EMI, in a shuffling of top jobs at the company which closely mirrors earlier changes at the head of the group's bigger rival, National Power. Aerospace merger fails

Deryk King, 48, currently head of ICI's polyester business, has been drafted in to fill the new role of managing director of PowerGen. The changes take effect from July. The company is currently embroiled in a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into its £1.9 billion bid for the regional power company. Midlands Electricity. — *Simon Beauls*

EU backs paper firms merger

KIMBERLY-CLARK and Scott Paper have secured European KIMBEREY-CLARK and Scott Paper have secured European Union approval for their merger only after agreeing to sell off substantial operations in the UK and Ireland, including a plant in Prudhoe, Northumberland. The European Commission said it cleared the \$3.4 billion (£6.1 billion) deal, announced in July last year, on condition that the merger did not combine Kimberly-Clark's Kleenex and Scott's Andrex tissue businesses in the UK and Ireland.

This means the companies will have to divest themselves of Kimberly-Clark's tissue plant in Prudhoe, which was opened in 1971 and employs 650 people. Kimberly-Clark said it intended to sell the mill as a going concern. — Julie Wolf in Brussels

Beef scare hits food group

NEARLY £2 million was wiped off the value of the Sims Food group yesterday after it warned that the BSE scare had savaged sales. Shares in the food processing group — which supplies meat products to most of the leading UK retail outlets — fell to a record low of 28p after the group said that fears over "mad cow disease" had cut sales by between 15 and 20 per cent in November and tense merger activity in the defence industry. Those

Finance director Stephen Collier said the company experi-enced significant cancellations in beef orders as soon as the BSE issue arose in November. Ground beef products — accounting for 75 per cent of group turnover — were worst affected. — *Tony May*

Maxwell jurors day off

JURORS in the Maxwell trial were given the day off yesterday because one of them was ill. The woman was on a course of antibiotics, said the judge, and had asked for a day in bed. On Monday six of the jury - which has been deliberating since January 8 — were examined by a doctor after they each com-plained of a chest infection.

Kevin Maxwell, Ian Maxwell and financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg all deny a charge of conspiring between November 5 and November 21, 1991, to defraud pension funds by misusing 22 million of pensioners' assets. Kevin Maxwell denies a second charge of conspiring with his late father Robert between July 3 and November 6, 1991, to defraud pension funds by misusing £100 million of pensioners' assets. - Dan Atkinson

Plant managers held hostage

STAFF on strike at a British-owned petfood factory in south-west France have been holding two managers hostage since Monday in protest against the planned closure of the site. Daniel Boulet, managing director of Spillers Petfood France, and human resources director, Bernard Manhaval, were taken hostage during a meeting of the works council.

But the men can move freely within the building, one of many sites of Europe's second biggest animal food producer. The CGT and CFDT unions want the local prefect to appoint a mediator to solve the conflict. The strikers want the closure plan withdrawn and Spillers' owner, Dalgety, either to modernise the plant at Boe near Agen or build a new production unit there. - Reuter

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(2588 million) from \$1.04 billion a year ago. The 13 per cent drop was attributed to a \$285 million tax benefit in the Meanwhile, profits at Chemical jumped 48 per cent fourth quarter of 1994, lower-ing the bank's overall tax bill. to \$490 million from a year earlier. Profits from securi-But yesterday's figures still beat Wall Street expectations ties trading more than tripled to \$184 million. The banking sector was one and Citicorp shares rose \$2 to

865'4 in early trading. Of the big winners in the stock ica's third largest bank, and market last year, buoyed by a combine to vault past Citi- flurry of mergers. Apart from biggest.

Mark Tran in New York

BoeinG and McDon-nell Douglas are ex-pected to return to the

takeover trail despite yes-terday's collapse of merger discussions between the

two aerospace companies over issues of price and

If they had consummated

a transaction, Boeing and McDonnell would have

formed the world's largest

defence company with a workforce of 185,000 and

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The two companies broached the idea of an alli-

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Boeing, based in Seattle.

is the world's biggest maker of civilian aircraft

and McDonnell, with head

quarters in St Louis, is a

leading manufacturer of

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While some analysts ex-

pressed scepticism at their proposed alliance, not least

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paying off these two types of debts had risen to 16.8 per cent of disposable income by the third quarter, up from 15.9 per cent a year ago. Among the regional banks that saw an increase in prob-lem loans in the fourth quarter were NationsBank, Amer

Harry Stonecipher.

industry watchdog. Cliff Jones writes

wrongly advised still lack redress, finds

HE chief City watchdog, the Securities and In-vestments Board (SIB), Alistair Darling called on the vesterday called on the pensions industry to urgently speed up its review of 1.5 mil-lion suspected cases of miselling.

Andrew Large, SIB chair-man, also called on investors of Loral, a defence electron-ics firm. That deal will cre- | value of about \$10.2 billion. compared with Boeing's 327 billion. to help themselves by responding quickly to correspon Boeing was also unwilldence from their pension proing to cede a leading role in the company to McDonnell viders or advisers.

In its first progress report, the SIB revealed that inveschief executive officer tors have still had no redress While the two companies as a result of the review of pensions mis-selling which it initiated in October 1994.

They had been wrongly ad-vised to either opt out of their company pension scheme and take out a personal pension or transfer the benefits they had already built up in their em-ployer's scheme into a peronal pension.

The SIB Pensions Review set target dates by which cases should be reviewed. However, its report admitted that the first deadline of De-

Despite more than a year's study, investors industry is to encourage people to return to it, then it must be prepared to accept liability when things go wrong.'

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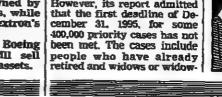
wrong." The Consumers' Associa-tion attacked the SIB "for being unable to keep to its own deadlines". Kate Scrib-bens, head of the CA Money Group, claimed the report "raises more questions than it answers by its lack of sub-stance". She argued that "without any details of re-SIB to set a "strict timetable for compensation payments which the industry must meet". He added that progress in dealing with claims has without any details of resbeen painfully slow and claimed that, while many in-surers have faced up to their responsibilities, "a small mi-nority had shown a relucponse rates, the number of cases which need review and their outcome we simply can't judge whether the review is working. How can we have tance - and in some case wilany confidence in the regulaful obstruction - in dealing tor without any answers?" with a major problem". Mr Darling warned: "If the

The long-awaited SIB report said the fastest pro-gress had been made by life insurance companies which sold policies direct to customers. Progress by independent financial advisers had been slower, but the SIB expects their review process will be stepped up now that agreement has been reached with the Personal Investment Au-thority, and the IFAs profes-sional indemnity insurers.

For some groups, however, the review process is not progressing fast enough. A court ruling last week allowed the GMB union to take legal action against six insurers who wrongly advised its members to opt out of their occupational schemes.

failed to reach a deal on a full merger, there is still scope for co-operation be-tween their two military and space units. Each company has made clear its interest in expanding its helicopter. missile. space station and rocket

In the past year, McDon-nell seriously considered buying Sikorski, the helicopter company owned by United Technologies, while Boeing looked at Textron's Bell helicopter unit. Last week. Lockbeed scuppered when Boeing Martin announced a \$9.1 refused to pay a big pre-billion acquisition of most mium sought by McDon-



Benefits cut-off will squeeze Middle England

Tory 'sanctions on the workshy' could show far-reaching

effects among their core supporters. Seumas Milne reports

N HIS incarnation as the | acceleration of the drift to a | JSA will end after only six last Employment Secretary compulsory workfare system. before the job was abol-Presented by the Governished, Michael Portillo used ment as mainly an attempt to to remark with a wry smile streamline benefits for the jobless, the JSA's new panoon bow little attention his bill ply of penalties was described more frankly in the Conservato introduce a Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA) was attracting. Now the detailed regulative Research Department's tions, due to be debated in the in-house magazine as a system of "sanctions on the Commons today, have seen the light of day, the reason for workshy Under the new system, un-

his apparent surprise has beemployment benefit will become clearer. They show that the JSA, which will replace both uncome "contributory JSA" and income support will be turned means tested income support while unemployment benefit, in October, will mean a sharp paid regardless of savings or cut in dole payments for tens | partners' income, lasts for a of thousands and a dramatic year, the new contributory tion and will pay lower rates to claim JSA instead and

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months. To bring forward the resulting savings, the Government is introducing the sixmonth anemployment benefit cut-off from this April. An estimated 55,000 people

will lose all or some of their dole money immediately. After six months, the redundant employees of Middle England will find their bene-

fits cut off if they have savings or pay-offs of more than 28,000 or their partner works more than 16 hours a week. Unlike unemployment benefit, the replacement contributory JSA will not be uprated every year in line with infla-

extra, as they are entitled to with unemployment benefit. That is expected to translate such talk. into a £70 cut in weekly income.

SA will reduce the number of hours the long-term unemployed are allowed to study from 21 to 16 a week. Then there is the risk existing requirements, claimthat large numbers of disants will now have to sign abled people will fall through "jobseeker's agreements", the "incapacity gap" by virbacked up by "jobseeker's ditue of not being disabled rections", allowing benefit of. enough and thereby failing to qualify for the new Incapacity Benefit, due to replace Invalidity Benefit in April. The quarter of a million

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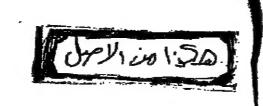
The Government is hoping to save £300-400 million in the first two years of JSA, but £270 million has already been spent on making the switch. In a parliamentary answer to Labour's Employment spokesman, Ian McCartney, the Government has revealed rections, allowing benefit of ficers to issue them with orders, enforced with new penalties. In a report on the likely im-pact of JSA published today, the TUC argues there is no that during the last four years

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to out-of-work 18-to-35-year-olds. And contributory JSA claimants with adult depen-vill end up falling the JSA's ployed back into work: a govtoughened up "availability for work" test and be judged ineligible for JSA as well. The ernment survey found only 6 per cent of the jobless had a higher income from all

sources than they had in work and 53 per cent were

Underlying all these changes are new powers to compel the unemployed to take up low-paid work or join government schemes, which are themselves being comprehensively cut back. On top of



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Tennis **Rusedski fails to** reach Henman high

David Irvine in Melbourne

T WAS a long road, a hard road and for a gutsy Greg Rusedski, in whose nostrils the scent of victory must have seemed so very strong here at Flinders Park, ultimately a road that took him absolutely nowhere. Near misses mean nothing in Grand Slam competition,

but to come as close as the British No. 1 did to beating the fourth seed Boris Becke in the first round of the Aus-"Until then," the German "Until then," the German admitted, "I had been think-ing more about what had hap-pened to me here in the past tralian Open - the German having gone out at the same stage on both of his two most

galling. A victory would have comthan the match itself. From pleted a perfect British day. Tim Henman's defeat of the Czech Petr Korda earlier seemed exactly the spur Ru-sedski needed but, when lead-Rusedski, though disappointed, said he would take ing by two sets to one, he was unable to convert either of two break-point chances at many positive things from a match of the highest quality. There was no doubt he won over the crowd, who gasped 1-1 in the fourth. Had he done so he might well have won. "I definitely had my oppor-tunities. But with someone when he let fly one 135mph service in the second set. Overall, though, his serve did

like Boris, if you give him not hurt Becker enough, espe-just a little bit of a chance he takes it and just keeps going," said Rusedski. "Tonight we saw what a great player he is. And the great players can turn these matches around." And, in truth, Becker saved himself. His head had been hanging, he was unsure "that I'd leave the court a winner",

serve — and sharp and accu-rate volleying — paved the way for his 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Korda, who only nine days ago won the Qatar Open, where the Briton failed even to qualify. In each set Henman made yet he came up with an ace and then a scintillating forehand pass to survive the cri-sis. From then on he was a

the opening break. But in the first he squandered it with a double fault to let Korda level, and another gaff gave the Czech left-hander a set point different player, so assured as he took command to win 6-4, he was in no mood to waste. Though the pattern was almost repeated in the second,

Henman clung on to force a tie-break and then played superbly to win it. He steadily built on that with increasing then I started going for my shots and being more aggres-sive on my returns. And it paid off." approach.

It was, Henman said, his best win - Korda is ranked No. 26 in the world - and set up an equally testing second-round match with Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman, whom he beat last June in Nottingham. Korda's coach Tony Pick-ard, who brought Henman into Britain's Davis Cup

squad as a teenager, admitted he was torn between the two: "I was wanting them both to win." His one concern was that Henman would be unable to close it out. Korda said: "If he goes on playing at that level I think

Although there is a conviction that an American — Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi or Michael Chang — will again

Thomas Enquist may just have the game to offer a credible European challenge. Enquist shot from 60th to

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seventh in the world rankings in 1995, only just failing to deny Becker — who called him "an Agassi with a serve" — a place in the ATP Champiponents run far more than onship final. And he was as ruthless as a top-form Agassi in his 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 dismissal of another German, Marc

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of another German, Marc Göllner, in one of several heavyweight contests. Apart from dropping his serve in the opening game, Enqvist was almost flawless as he pulled Göllner merci-lessly around court with deep angled drives Like most

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Ivanisevic was lucky to take the tie-break 11-9 after Karbacher had led 5-1 and forced three set points. But from then on he was in total control. Sampras, by contrast, held the upper hand through-out in defeating Richard

Fromberg 7-5, 6-3, 6-2. Paul Haarhuis (16) became Goran Ivanisevic — though the first men's seed to go, out-they saw few of his customary hit 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 by the Belgian fireworks. Fed up, or so he Filip Dewulf.

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Racing **Gillespie carries**

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being told he was expected to

give evidence in London, Sanders chose to ride at Ling-field. His suspension runs

from January 19 to 26, and he is considering an appeal. Lorcan Wyer and Peter Ni-ven were in trouble at Car-

lisle yesterday. Wyer was sus-pended for four days (January 25 to 29) for using his whip with unreasonable

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DWARD GILLESPIE, acting clerk of the course at Cheltenham on December 9, was fined \$600 by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday for his handling of the late abandonment of the Triple-print Gold Cup meeting that day.

frequency and hitting Golden Hello twice down the shoulder in winning the day. The officials found him guilty of breaching the "proper conduct and good reputation of horse racing in Great Britain." Gillespie was confident the

Brampton Handicap Hurdle. Niven was suspended for three days (January 25-27) for using his whip with unrea-sonable frequency on Fearday's racing would go ahead despite a heavy overnight frost and issued optimistic less Wonder, winner of the Milton Handicap Hurdle. statements throughout the morning. He walked the track Star of the day, though, was Gordon Richards's brilliant a few minutes before the stewards held an inspection, de-claring the ground raceable. The stewards took a differ-ent view and the meeting was

Gordon Richards's brilliant young chaser The Grey Monk, who completed his hat-trick in the Hadrian's Wall Novices' Chase in the manner of his two previous victories, jumping spectacularly and de-molishing the opposition. Richard Dunwoody rode his first winner at Carliele yet abandoned five minutes after the scheduled time of the first race. An estimated 8,000 racegoers were sent home.

kichard Dinwoody role his first winner at Carlisle yes-terday, General Wolfe in the Hayton Handicap Chase, and with favourites winning the first five races the Jackpot, which reached £418,960.36, produced 1 055 89 winning Gillespie accepted responsi-bility, saying: "It was a very fair hearing. I am very pleased that I was found not in breach of the rules governing the integrity of racing. I was faced with factors on produced 1,056.89 winning units, each paying £280.40. Tom Foley has decided that

which to make a judgment, and I misjudged them." He promised that "communica-Paddy Mullins's stable jockey. Tommy Treacy, rides Danoli in the AIG European tion will be higher up the list than it has been." The champion apprentice Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday, and for the

Seb Sanders was given a rest of the season. seven-day suspension for fail-ing to attend and give evi-dence at a Jockey Club in-The son of Foley's head lad Jim, Treacy won a bumper on Danoli, schooled the hurdler quiry last month. early in his career, and has been riding him in recent

Notice of the inquiry had been sent to Sanders's guvwork. nor, Reg Akehurst, but the jockey did not learn he was required to sttend until the since fracturing his off-fore fetlock at Liverpool in April. morning of the meeting. He was in touch with the Jockey Club as soon as their "Don't expect too much this weekend. He is about three weeks off being fit," warned offices opened but, despite Foley.

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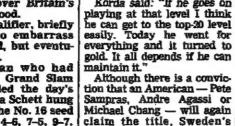
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| ÷. | 5125-56 KIELLY BAC (74) (0) D Q Bran 6-10-12 | C Linealine |
| ĩ | 111-02 DARLY SPORT OFFL (8) (9) 8 Lievelyn 7-10-11 | |
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| 3 | (22-025 SOPHER MAY (27) GL Moore 6-11-6 | E Bardet |
| | 1220-05 AUGUST TWELFTH (75) (D) D O'Brien 8-11-4 | 1) Parts (0) |
| | 92250-4 SHADED GOLD (43) J Boring 6-11-4 | II Beater |
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| 13 | SECO-4 CAMEO (13) M Bunks 10-18-6 | |
| 14 | COP-SUO TITAL COPRESS (44) (03 8 Moles 7-10-3 | |
| 16 | 06440-5 RAMALLAH (469 (50) J White 7-10-1 | |
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| 404 | (VIV-P2F WATERFORD CASTLE (36) (DF) K Baley 9-11-4 | |
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| 407 | 4303-Pr PLAYING THUART (11) D Gandolty 8-11-8 | il Durner |
| 405 | 4P324-0 CHARTERFORMARDWARE (U) (CD) W Cary 18-10-12 | |
| 404 | SP4P-54 OPAL'S TEREPUT (25) J Bradley 8-10-12 | |
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| 411 | EdSUPP- ZAME (342) (D) K Bunke 11-10-8 | |
| 412 | 5421-55 SPROWSTON BOY (15) M Casonin 13-10-8 | |
| 412 | 2/P40-U FM TOBY (11) A Foster 8-10-7 | |
| 414 | | A Thornton |
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| 505 | 1213-00 | SYLVAN SABRE (13) (D) K Morgan 7-11-2 | A 5 Smith |
| 106 | 1125/40- | BEARTS ARE WELD (270) (D) Capt T Porster 9-11-1 | A Thornton |
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Soccer

Prodigal Ince back in England fold

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ERRY VENABLES poured oil on the tur-bulent waters dividing him and Paul Ince yesterday by bringing the Internazionale midfielder back

into the England fold. At a point in his career when he must have feared his collection of 16 full caps was destined to gather dust rather than be expanded. Ince was handed a lifeline with his inclusion in a 25-strong training camp at Bisham Abbey next wee)

Whether he is guaranteed place in this summer's European Championship remains to be seen, but his recall does at least back up Venables's promise that the door to his final squad of 22 is still ajar.

Ince has been in the wilder ness for almost 12 months since he was called up in February for the abandoned friendly against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin.

In March he missed the Uruguay game as he was answering - successfully - as sault charges in the wake of the Eric Cantona kung-fu incident at Selhurst Park.

He then withdrew from the summer Umbro Cup tournament, saying he was mentally and physically fatigued, and that opened the rift between him and Venables.

Ince will fly in after Sun-day's game at Vicenza and leave on Tuesday, a day early. 'I've said right the way through that he has been in my thoughts," Venables said. "But he needed time to settle and in the end needed more time than I thought, as things were not going too well.

'I don't know if it's been helpful that Roy [Hodgson] has gone there ito inter as coach] but he's doing a lot better now. He just needs to be in

among the group again. seeing what I want done. I have spoken to Paul and Roy and also included. he was fine. He is very keen to get over.

The only new name in a pool lacking several injured players is that of Alan Wright, the Aston Villa leftback. An accomplished defender with a sense of adven ture, the 24-year-old would

seem to have every chance of replacing Graeme Le Saux, who dislodged him at club With Le Saux unlikely to play before the start of next season because of multiple leg injuries. Wright now finds himself plucked from the supporting cast. "With Graeme sadiy unavailable, Alan comes in." said Venables before travelling to Poland for a

World Cup fixtures meeting. "He and Le Saux used to be rivals for the same position at Blackburn, Like Graeme he is very quick as well as being a very good footballer; he has always impressed me." With Manchester United's

Gary Pallister still nursing a back problem. Wright's clubtraining sessions, although mate Ugo Ebiogu is recalled



. heads Villa trio

along with Tottenham's Sol Campbell. Another Villa defender, Gareth Southgate, is "Sol has never been from my thinking despite his injury problems," said Vena-bles. "Like Ugo he has the po-

tential to make a real contribution to the squad." Yet again the most notable absentee is Southampton's Matthew Le Tissier, who should feel free to start perusing holiday brochures. Last week Venables held

talks with the Southampton manager Dave Merrington. It would seem that Merrington confirmed what Venables already knew, that Le Tissler's form has abandoned him to such an extent that were he not employed by a club fighting to preserve their Premiership status he would be playing reserve-team football.

Two injured players who will definitely make Venables's summer squad if fully fit — Jamie Redknapp of Liv-erpool and Darren Anderton of Tottenham - have been in-vited to attend next week's

the England coach accepts that neither will be able to contribute anything more than encouragement. "The countdown to Euro '96 now on," said Venables. "Getting my players together in January gives us the chance to do the detailed work which has not been possible until now. Usually

we have been preparing for specific opposition. My aim is to make a good side better. SQUAD: Seaman (Arsenal), Welk (Totenham), Flewers (Blackburn); Newlie (Man Uld), Jones (Liverpoo (Man Uid), Jessen (Liverpod Vasses (Arcenal), Novey (Newcash outhyste, Ehlogu, Wright (all Ask Hal, Paeroe (Notim Forest), Campba stichteril, Genzolgue (Rangera), Art resnal). Lee um): 0 rsenal). Lee (Newcastle)

FA Cup third-round replay: Blackburn 0, Ipswich 0 (after 90min) | Replays doubt



Intermingle . . . Paul Ince has come through a difficult spell at Internazionale

urth-round tie

The Guardian Wednesday January 17 1996

Europe to act over Bosman defiance

Martin Thorpe

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ing affects cross-border trans-fers of out-of-contract players and telling it to put its house in order.

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EFA faces a seven-figure fine from the European Commission for defying the Bosman ruling. Uefa insisted yesterday that it would maintain its limit on the number of foreign players a team can field in European competition. "In the interest of continuity and fairness," said a statement, "Uefa will not change the regulations of the three European club cup competitions but maintain the three-plus-two rule." This stance was supported

by the world governing body Fifa, whose general secretary Sepp Blatter said the Bosman ruling "went against the prin-ciples of football".

But the Bosman ruling is now law. And yesterday the European Commission threatened to come down hard on Uefa if it did not comply immediately and allow clubs in European competition to field as many European Union

players as they wanted. "Unless they comply imme-diately we could fine them." Flynn, the European Parlia-ment Commissioner with responsibility for free movement in the European Community. "It would be a percentage of their turnover. Or we could take them to court, or we could even take member states to court over this.

"The European Court has made a crystal-clear ruling. We can't see European law being flouted. Nobody is above European law, Individual states are not above European law so you can't have an organisation saying they are.'

The commission will discuss what to do next. In the next few days it will also write to Uefa formally confirming that the Bosman rul-

The Premier League said the decision not to enter this year's Intertoto competition was taken because the tournament overlaps with the European Championship, the inference being that it was not a reaction to Uefa's one-year ban on Tottenham and Wimbledon for fielding weakened sides in last summer's event. The Premier League did not rule out entering the Intertoto in future years. • The French international

goalkeeper Fabien Barthez has been banned for two months, plus a further suspended ban of two months, after a dope test showed traces of cannabis.

· Harry Potts, the manage who brought the League title to Burnley in 1959-60, has died aged 75. He spent 13 years, with the second world war intervening, playing for Burnley and returned as manager in 1958. As well as win-ning the League and reaching the quarter-finals of the Euro-

said Barbara Nolan, the spokeswoman for Padraig son, the Clarets reached the FA Cup final in 1962 (they were beaten by Tottenham) and competed in the 1966-67 Fairs Cup, again reaching the quarter-finals.

 Four of Northern Ireland's first five World Cup qualify-ing matches will be Saturday home games, with the first two against Ukraine and Ar-menia. But they have a tough finish next year with trips to Albania and Portugal. Their only away trip before April next year will be to Germany on November 9.

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Shrewsbury Town 2, Fulham 1 **Dempsey by a knock-out**

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NJURY may deprive New-castle of their England trio of Les Ferdinand, Robert Lee and Steve Howey for tonight's FA Cup replay at home to Chelsea.

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Van Vossen escapes to Ibrox Park

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cumstances last night.

Michael von Gruenigen con tinues to dominate the giant slalom. Yesterday he won his fourth race of the season, by a huge margin in treacherous conditions.

"I am in such good form that I could practically do no wrong," Von Gruenigen said after winning the GS at Adelboden by an astonishing 1.83sec from Urs Raelin, his Swiss team-mate

American Football

The Green Bay Packers' assistant coach Gil Haskell has 'very encouraging promade gress" and is expected to make a good recovery from a make a good recovery from a head injury he received after two players collided with him bood a Bartord Rigers, Hull, Stourport, Pool a Battord Rigers, Hull, Stourport, Pool a Battor Rigers, Hull, Stourport, Pool A during Sunday's National St Albans



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Conference championship | Results game in Dallas. Soccer Graham Walker began the life FA CUP of his latest Indulgence with a Third-round rep win on the opening day of Key West Regatta, writes Bob Fisher. His new boat, one of T (0) 2 the exciting One-Design 48 Scholes 7 1 (1) 20 P Gray 24 21,378 (Man Utol away to Re class, led for most of the race after a good start to take the first finish gun of the regatta. OSTPONED: Old ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Hockey Third Dhisid Kath Johnson, centre-back in Wister 48 Britain's Olympic bronze Parrish I Curmichael 7 medal-winning team, has ac-cepted an invitation to return ton Orient (0) 0 1,841 Another (11 1 Carbon 32 to the British squad. writes Par Rowley. The Leicester de-BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE fender withdrew from inter-Premier Division Faikirk (1) 1 Clark 30 4,002 national hockey after the birth of her first child. therwell (0) d 5,781 Perticik (0) 0 2,764 Hibernian (D) (SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division Alardinia (1) 1 Duffield 16 1,554 St Nimen (1)

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Boxing Lewis camp threatens to bankrupt WBC over Bruno ger fight with Tyson on the rival Showtime network. Kevin Mitchell

Complicating the picture were further claims by HE heavyweight jungle was awash with sensa-Eliades that Bruno's WBC detional claims yesterday. the fence against Mike Tyson in most intriguing of which was Las Vegas on March 16 might that the World Boxing Coun-cil risked being bankrupted if not happen. "Bruno wants to train in it did not sanction a title fight

Frank Bruno.

Tenerife; Don King (Tyson's between Lennox Lewis and promoter] wants him to train in America. King says: 'You do that, you don't have the The claim came from Panos Eliades, who finances Lewis.

tight." "Bruno's upset with his "Bruno's upset with his \$6 million; he wants more money. Besides, Bruno is a dangerous fight for Tyson. I don't think King really wants it." "We could bankrupt the WBC," he said. "If we go ahead with the legal action against them for disinforma-tion it could cost them \$50 million [£32 million]. And I know they are only worth \$4 million at the most."

Bruno's manager Frank Warren responded: "The Eliades will press his legal venue has been booked, the fight has been advertised and argument against the WBC in a New Jersey court this week the tickets are on sale. There is no doubt in my mind or claiming that the WBC prom-Don King's mind that the ised Lewis a fight with the champion if he fought and fight will take place," beat Lionel Butler in an elimi-Meanwhile, Warren has

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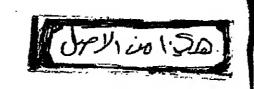
issued accounts on behalf of nator — which he did, King seeking to disprove that they had in any way ne-"They forced us into a purse bid of \$1.6 million. they nau in any way ne-glected the American fighter Gerald McClellan, who has been severely incapacitated since his fight with Nigel There was no fight with the champion. That was misinformation that cost us a lot of Benn a year ago, a fight pro-The legal action is one of moted by Warren and King. several cases pending that could spread turmoil through-

"I object to the suggestions that have been made." War-ren said, "which imply we did In New York over the next not do our utmost for McClel-10 days, Seth Abraham, presilan. What we did not know is dent of Time-Warner Sports, that there were serious rifts in his family, and these have parent company of the cable network HBO, will try to hold Riddick Bowe to a roll-over now caused all these

problems."

Bowe is trying to extract Warren says he personally spent about £100,000 in helphimself from the deal and, ing McClellan's family "even consequently, an April 20 fight with Lewis on HBO, pre-ferring to negotiate for a blgthough we were not contracted to do so".

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-----International: Wales 31, Italy 26

Arwel gives Wales a kick-start

Robert Armstrong in Cardiff

from 30 metres before the Bristol fly-half underlined his ALES will embark on their Five Nations opener against England next month with the buoyant optimism of youth after a highly encouraging perfor-mance against Italy that was embellished by a splendidly inventive debut by the 21-year-old Bristol fly-half Arwel Thomas.

Thomas finished with a total of 16 points, thanks to his accurate goal-kicking, and the pressure but Wales's Ieuan Evans scored two of Wales's three tries, taking his total to 25 for his country. However, Italy saved face with a determined late flour-ish, spearheaded by the forwards Properzi and Gardner, who scored a try apiece. Diego Dominguez, Italy's

No. 10, also weighed in with 16 points from goal-kicks. Thomas electrified the crowd with a towering 40metre penalty that hung in the air for seconds before bouncing on and then over the bar to give Wales a fortuitous early lead. A minute later Dominguez fell short with a 35-metre penalty awarded for offside, before Thomas clipped over a second

penalty from close to the right touchline, earning another buge roar of approval from the Welsh supporters.

time Italy took a drop-out, driving the opposition back inside their own 22 and spreading the ball swiftly to the eager young three-quar-ters. The flankers, Hemi Taylor and Gwyn Jones, gave their opposite numbers a torrid lesson in how to win and keep possession at the breakdown whenever Italian passes went astray or their kicks failed to find touch.

Wales eased into a 13-0 lead in even time thanks initially to a vigorous piece of midfield rucking, which the scrumhalf Andy Moore artfully exploited with a rapid transfer. Justin Thomas surprised the Italian defence with a simple direct break between two would-be tacklers, dancing his way through to ground

growing authority with a series of raking touch-finders that gave Italy no respite. It came as no surprise to see the Welsh stretch their lead to 18 points with a second well-worked try, this time by Evans, who collected a slick pass from the new cap Leigh Davies and squeezed past two defenders to score in the right corner. The Italians relied heavily

wel Thomas a third penalty

on long clearing kicks from inside their own 22 to relieve shrewd blend of fast, precise driving and flexible support play by their backs kept the Italian try-line firmly in their sights. On the strike of halftime Arwel Thomas hammered over a third penalty

from 30 metres, Dominguez got the Italians on the scoresheet early in the second half with two crisply struck penalties but Wales were not to be denied as their forwards and backs combined intelligently to set up a third try from outside the box. Once again Arwei Thomas served as the fulcrum of attack, shipping a short flat pass to the predatory Evans who burst through a phalanx of defenders on a 25-metre sprint that carried him imperiously to the posts. In the final quarter Wales

the Welsh supporters. The Wales pack imposed it-self with brisk efficiency each inside their own half.

Justin Thomas came within a whisker of scoring another try with a mazy run down the left flank but the No. 15 was held up by a couple of forwards as he muscled over the line.

In the closing stages the Italians at last developed a coordinated pattern of play which produced merited tries by the prop Properzi and the flanker Gardner, both of which Dominquez converted.

WALES: J Thomas; I Evens (both Linnelli), L Dankes (Nazh), M Winde, W Proctor (both Linnelli); A Thomas (Bristol), A Meare; A Lewis, J Homphreys (cip), all Cardiff), J Danke, S Lewis, M Taylor (all Cardiff), G Jones (Lianelli).

 ITAL'N M Ranazzolo: P Vaccari (boh Caviazo), I Praccescato, T Viendia (boh Treviso), F Recelli (Roma); D Dominguez (Milan), A Tromote (Treviso).
 B Cutifits (capi), C Orland, F Properti (all Milan), M Glackeri (Treviso), P Pedrori (Milan), O Arando (Cainas). A the ball behind the posts. Ar-wel Thomas coolly converted. refront (Milan), O An Jorton (San Dona), J 4 The left upright denied Ar-

Cricket

But the surfers' good for-

tune may rebound on today's cricket. The cyclones have

come early and only a month ago a similar weather system

flooded Natal and washed out

Towards the end of an ardu-

ous and unsuccessful tour, England might welcome some

respite. But there are loose ends to tidy, for by Monday, when they journey home, the chairman of selectors Ray-

mond Illingworth must de-

liver his 14-man World Cup squad to the organisers. Eng-

outs will seriously retard

As yet, little has emerged from the four one-day

their preparations.

the third Test



First blood to a Scarlet . . . Llanelli's full-back Justin Thomas runs in Wales's opening try at Cardiff Arms Park Huw Evans

SPORTS NEWS 15

Rugby League

Championship: Wigan 32, Bradford 18

Seven on the trot for Wigan

Paul Fitzpatrick

HE argument was only about the math-ematics and that was put to rest last night at Central Park. where Wigan followed their Regal Trophy victory by making sure of their seventh successive championship.

They would have pre-ferred to do it in slightly grander style but their at times tired-looking performance was hardly surpris-ing after Saturday's exertions against St Helens.

Bradford competed vigor-ously from the start but Wigan scored a try after only seven minutes thanks to Tuigamala's alertness in pouncing on an Edwards kick.

The kick was not one of the scrum-half's best — it had the height but not the distance — but Tuigamala turned it into a good one, reacting faster than the de-fence and streaking away to score at the posts.

Bradford equalised when they took advantage of Connolly's departure to the blood-bin. The full-back had barely been off the field a minute when Knox produced a delightful chip over the top, regathered and sent in Robbie Paul. Wigan took only three

Edwards and Tuigamala were the agents. This time the Western Samoan flicked on his scrum-half's Western Samoan kick to Smyth, Connolly's replacement, and though the pass looked fractionally

minutes to reply, and again

forward he ran clear. Just before the interval Offiah scored when Tuiga-mala's break was carried on by Edwards and his in-side pass provided the winger with a gap too good to miss. Paul landed his third goal and Wigan led 18-6.

Bradford's good form in lead to six points.

down, then clever interplay between Edwards and Paul opened the way for Cowie

to score. The best try of the night came when Paul produced a scintillating solo effort, go-ing past four Bradford de-fenders in a mazy run from 35 metres.

DIELTES.
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Connolly has been a Grade

John Devereux, the Widnes

Referee brought down by Halifax's seventh tackle

JOHN CONNOLLY, the for their decisions. "In circumstances such as these the counting the cost yesterday of League has to act," he said. miscounting tackles during One referee since 1990 and was named Referee of the Sunday's league game between Halifax and Warring-ton at Thrum Hall, writes Year in 1993 and 1994. Paul Fitzpatrick.

The 36-year-old Connolly and Wales three-quarter, may has been stood down from return to rugby union with Sale, who have been rebuffed, temporarily at least, in their tonight's match between St Helens and London Broncos. and his remaining games will attempts to sign the Salford prop David Young. be reviewed after his costly blunder on Sunday when he allowed Halifax seven tackles Widnes have opened talks with Sale about players switchinstead of the regulation six. ing codes in the off-season. Jim Mills, Widnes's chairman, said: "We have an open mind From this final tackle Halifax scored a try, a crucial one in a

game they won 20–14. Greg McCallum, the con-troller of referees, said that much rugby for the players referees must be accountable and also insurance cover.

the first half was confirmed by Cordle's try soon after half-time, which Cook con-verted superbly to cut the But by the hour Wigan were practically out of reach: Tuigamala sent in Smyth for his second touch-



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Top British clubs get together

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Young Devil hoping for

GREAT BRITAIN flew to Ljubljana yesterday for tonight's Olympic qualifier against Slovenia with the

Cardiff Devils goaltender Ste-vie Lyle, 16 last month, "just

happy being part of the

squad". Lyle was the youngest goalie included in a British senior party when he was selected as

cover for the opening qualifier with the Netherlands. Whether

the teenager will go one better and start tonight's game de-

pends upon the man he calls

"definitely the best coach in Britain", Peter Woods.

But his chances of starting diminished yesterday. Basing-

stoke's Bill Morrison, net

minder for all three of Brit-ain's qualifiers to date but

surprisingly omitted from Woods's original selection this time, received a late call

to replace the flu victim

Lyle is aiming for the very top. As a 14-year-old he back-

top. As a 14-year-old he back-stopped Cardiff to unlikely victories over Sokol Kiev and Torpedo Ust-Kamenogorsk (Kazakhstan) as the Devils be-came the first British side to get through the European Cup qualifying round. The Rumney High School pupil intends in July to head for Canada and a career in North America.

Having beaten Netherlands

and drawn with Denmark and

Switzerland, Britain are

group leaders, but Slovenia

will provide their toughest

test yet. Another late change saw

Bracknell's Matt Cote replace

the injured defenceman Paul

Dixon. But the forward Ash-

ley Tait, also injured, with-drew and was not replaced.

Steven Foster.

North America.

OP English clubs are joining forces with their Scottish and full trust and confidence." Welsh counterparts in response to the start of the The English were con-

cerned enough about the | forture to talk of rebellion. | The professional game should be administered by a body in which we have Peter Wheeler, chief executive of Leicester and chairmet in Scotland yesterday ision Ltd, said yesterday. to offer mutual support and "If that body proves to be to discuss their approach to the RFU we see that as a European competitions. positive move. But we be that a low but the set of the se positive move. But we be tish clubs have contacted right to develop using lieve it remains to be seen us and asked about what is nue earned in Europe.

whether that is the case." happening. The Irish have Wheeler, who along with been in touch as well." the Welsh clubs' represen-Wheeler's visit was seen tative Gareth Davies, of as offering strong support Cardiff, met officials from Scotland's top 10 clubs in Edinburgh, said: "We wouldn't like other countries to have to go

to the clubs who have been angered by the Scottish Rugby Union's proposal to enter district, rather than club, sides in Europe next

season and who fear losing top players to England if the SRU denies them the right to develop using reve-

IB denies that England will be cast adrift

KEITH ROWLANDS. the paid. Open means open-ended. If the Rugby Football retary, has dismissed suggestions that England will be forced to resign from the world's governing body if the Rugby Football Union's member clubs vote to stay amateur at their forthcoming special general meeting. Rowlands said yesterday: "The game is not professional, it is open. There are unions where nobody gets

Nicol primed to ended. If the Rugby Football Union went amateur it would not affect their status in the ambush Jansher IB. They would be joining 50 other IB countries." The IB said a summit of coaches, players and referees from across the world would meet in London in March. Referees in this season's

Five Nations Championship will be paid £400 a match. Touch judges will receive £200.

Richard Jago on the potential of the new British champion

Squash

HE ultimate test in world squash faces Peter Nicol in the wake of becoming the first Scot to win the British national title. But, in beating Mark Chaloner 9-6, 9-I, 9-1 in Monday's final at Birmingham's Edgbaston Pri-ory Club, Nicol demonstrated that he is now the man most likely to scale that final peak: to pursue Jansher Khan on the world circuit and close the gap on the seven-times world champion.

Monday's final, in which he broke his English opponent in an opening game of 35 min-utes, saw Nicol confirm the quality he showed last month in winning the first Super Series title of his career, the Mahindra International Challenge in Bombay. That victory in India took him to No. 4 in the world and

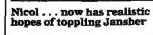
made him the highest-ranked Briton for the first time. It of strong players unscathed, also emphasised that, as the in good condition for the youngest player in the top 10, the 22-year-old has the greatest long-term potential to trouble the Pakistani.

Now Nicol has bolstered his confidence with a crushing victory over a high-profile opponent, for it was Chaloner who clinched England's world team title in Cairo in November. "Peter has learned to play hard matches back to back, which is something Mark is still doing," said Neil Harvey, who is Nicol's per-sonal coach and manager and was helping Chaloner in Cairo as the England coach.

Harvey thinks Nicol should next attempt to establish him self clearly as world No. 2, thus giving him a stronger seeding position from which to launch an attack on Jansher. Nicol himself wants

I came through a tournament

right direction again after a difficult time last summer. I want to go on improving enough to beat Jansher as soon as possible," said Nicol. "I want to improve my forehand drive, which goes to the



final. That will be vital when

playing Jansher." The Bombay and Birmingham successes should allay further criticism of his decision to conserve his strength and not play for Scotland in the world team champion-ship. "I know it was the right decision and I would like to play for Scotland in the Euro play for Scotland in the European team championships, but I would also like to feel Scotland has benefited from my success," he said. "If I can overtake Jansher, Scotland will benefit even more.



World Cup looms over England Malcolm climbs

Mike Selvey in Durban finds the tourists are still stuck at the experimental stage

HE roller's were thinking, England it seems thundering on to the are still at the experimental beaches here yesterday stage. and the surfers were out in force. Top conditions, they There are a few certainties. Mike Atherton, of course, and Graeme Hick, who has batted were saying; a good swell out in the Indian Ocean.

awesomely without making it count. Graham Thorpe and Neil Fairbrother, the one a one-day nudger and placer, the other a manipulator, are also in there.

Dominic Cork and Peter Martin, two bowlers capable of pressuring, will make the World Cup, plus the spinners Richard Illingworth and Neil Smith simply because there is no one better qualified. Finally Alec Stewart and Jack Russell, both batsmen-wicketkeepers, will get the call. The rest is up in the air.

land want extra cricket now like a lobotomy, but none the less they need it, and washbowlers - four seamers and the two spinners - plus a bits-and-pieces all-rounder and Russell. Nearly all the 14 players will come from those in South Africa.

matches so far to clarify the issue. England have lost three of them, the last by a distance, and whereas South Africa are gradually refining their prakash will be contesting the

Sri Lankans upstage Windies

WEST INDIES had salt the best-of-three final series against the hosts, starting wounds yesterday when tomorrow at the MCG. they were done out of a place in the World Series Cup final by Sri Lanka.

ing final-over victory over Australia in Melbourne en-and pull his way to a 32-ball sured that they, and not the half-century; his 74 stole Lara-less and lacklustre the match award from West Indies, will fight out | Steve Waugh (102).

Illingworth's squad will probably consist of six front-line batsmen, as many

Assuming that John Craw-ley is not being considered, Robin Smith and Mark Ram-

against the hosts, starting Chasing Australia's 242 for four, the tourists pro-moted the wicketkeeper Ro-The Sri Lankans' thrill- mesh Kaluwitharana to

one remaining batting place, alongside Atherton, Hick, There is room for only one all-rounder. On pacier pitches Craig White would be as good as any, both as punchy bats-man and a bowler of skiddy briskish inswing. But on slow Thorpe, Fairbrother and Stewart, Both have admirable credentials. In Smith's case they come in the form of the pitches Dermot Reeve, as a best record in limited-overs bowler, comes into his own, taking every last bit of pace internationals of anyone in the side. However, there is a question mark over his mobil-ity in the field, with his throwing restricted by last from the ball, rendering keplay frustrating. His bat-ting remains idiosyncratic year's shoulder operation. but innovative, as does his thinking.

Ramprakash has had a sorry time, and will be accused of lacking the tem-As a one-day strategist Reeve has no peer. The one thing against his selection is perament for the big occasion. But he remains a prodi-gious talent — admired. that elements in the camp think him bumptious. It incidentally, by the opposi-tion here and in Australia --should not matter but probably will cloud the thinking. Finally, although England need Russell in the party, his and slowly in his last two innings he has begun to haul presence in an XI for this sort of cricket is surplus to re-quirements. His batting in the series here has been above himself out of the mire. His fielding is first-class, the best in the side. Pragmatism

might sway Illingworth to Smith, but Ramprakash could reproach - 57 runs in two inprove inspirational. To complete his seam bowling, Illingworth will be look-ing to two of Gough, DeFreitas, Fraser and perhaps Tim Munton, who remains a

skilled and underrated bowler, as good if not better than Martin. Fraser's days seem num-bered now with the nip gone, and his fielding is pedestrian. So Gough and DeFreitas will probably make the side, the former just getting back after injury and non-selection, the latter brought in for the oneday matches after being ig-nored for Test cricket.

Gough's ability to reverse-swing the old ball will be the principal talent for which Illingworth will be looking. The slow pitches could be in Defreitas's favour, for he is at his most effective, now that the bite has gone from his bowling too, on surfaces where the ball does not hurry on to the bat.

nings from 32 balls — but Stewart remains the better bet to score big runs and scarcely suffers by comparison as a keeper in these matches • Neil Fairbrother misses today's fifth one-day international against South Africa with a groin injury. Everyone else is available and England will announce their final XI Just before the start. Martin Crowe has announced his retirement from

New Zealand's leading Test batsman, 33, was told by the selectors he needed to play two domestic matches to prove his fitness before the

World Cup but he was unable to play even one. "In the end it's just too painful and it's too hard to

international cricket because

continue playing at the level that I'd like to play at," said Crowe. "I had no choice at this stage but to stand down." necessary action."

down after racism claim

DEVON MALCOLM yes-terday denied that his dispute with Ray Illing-worth had anything to do with colour.

The England fast bowler had created a farore on Monday by suggesting that race might have accounted for his supposed ill-treatment by the England chairment by the England Chair-man. Yesterday his solici-tors put out a statement explaining his position. saying: "Recent media comment has suggested that Devon Malcolm has accused the tour manage-ment of discrimination ment of discriminating against him because of his colour.

"Mr Malcolm has asked us to clarify his position. He has not alleged that either the TCCB or the tour management discriminated against him on account of race but felt that he had treated harshly on tour.

"Devon Malcolm's reference to colour, as reported, was in the context of his trying to understand the reasons for his treatment and was one of several reasons considered by him. "He hopes that a post-tour analysis will reveal the reasons for his treatment."

The statement is unlikely The statement is unlikely to spare him the wrath of the TCCB, which seems cer-tain to fine him heavily. Speaking from South Af-ies This statement is unlikely Now that I have the confi-dence and am moving in the

rica, Illingworth said that he did not think the England team had been unsettled by the fuss. "The only person that has been affected is me, and I am very upset about it. But I have spoken with Lord's and I right-hander's backhand. But am sure they will take the I was pleased on Monday that

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RED DEVILS GO INTO FOURTH ROUND WITH LAST-GASP HEADER

FA Cup, third-round replay: Sunderland 1, Manchester United 2

Cole breaks Roker hearts

David Lacey

NDY COLE, with his first real at tempt on goal in an indifferent performance for the £7 million striker, stole tory for Manchester United with a header a minute from time at Roker Park last night. He also pinched the plau-dits from Paul Scholes, who had come off the Manchester bench to provide the attacking inspiration United needed after Phil Gray had given Sunderland a half-time lead. Within minutes of replacing Butt, Scholes had brought the scores level,

Manchester United arrived on Wearside owing even more to the late goal from Cantona that had thwarted Sunder-land at Old Trafford than was appreciated at the time. The equent strengthening of Newcastle's grip on the Pre-miership had left United with only the FA Cup as a serious option for an honour.

Sunderland's home defeat by Norwich two days earlier had hampered their drive for promotion, but the First Div ision side still looked in better fettle than the team tossed aside by Tottenham in last season's fourth round. Certainly Alex Ferguson's

players could not afford to lose their concentration now. They had, after all, won only twice in their previous 10 matches. Yet again United had shuffled their side around. Pallister was still missing at centre-back, so Parker was recalled as a third central defender to support Bruce and Gary Neville.

Whatever use an extra body might have been. Parker's presence in no way compensated for the loss of Pallister's command in the air, a point which soon became apparent as Ord towered above everybody at a free-kick to head the





Paying heed

to armchair

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Vincent Hanna

AST Friday Mike Lewis of the BBC agreed to pay BSkyB about £30,000 for the right to broadcast on radio the Cricket World Cup, for which Sky owns all broadcasting

rights. The deal was cheap at the price, and three cheers. Well actually two cheers. I have a faint suspicion that had Auntie chosen to play politics, instead of thinking about cricket fans, it might have been to her advantage. The Broadcasting Bill is currently in the House of Lords, and a wirelessless World Cup would have provoked uproar.

Sky wisely chose not to hold the BBC to ransom — this time - but Friday's deal points towards a solution to the row about sports' rights and satellite domination, which has caused much huffing, puffing and stamping of feet on the better class of sports page. At its heart is a conflict of two principles. First: the right

of sports bodies to negotiate the best commercial deal with broadcasters, who in turn have a concomitant right to bid for sports events in open

competition. The Government's position is that, apart from a bit of tin-kering around the edges, the parties should be left to get on with it. May the richest man win — and hello Rupert. The second principle is harder to define, it is more of a gripe: television licence pay-

ers have long enjoyed free acbroadcasting spokesman, is

taxi drivers and sports anoraks do not berate me about it. My Damascene conversion came after the Ryder Cup. During the event I was locked in my shed — caught up in the drama. Later I got letters. pointing out that, since live pointing out that, since live coverage was bundled up on Sky with the recorded high-lights, many people saw noth-ing; a peak of 1.2 million watched the final day's play in 1995 at home, compared with 5.8 million when the BBC had

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b.5 million when the BBC had the rights in 1993. Don't worry. I wrote back, the fearless Virginia Bottom-ley will do something. Did you see her comment in Monday's Guardian? "There is a balance to be struck here."

is a balance to be struck here." she said. "No doubt the bill will provide an opportunity to discuss this issue at greater length." I bet Rupert Murdoch is shivering with fear. So, bearing in mind the alightly more than faint possibility that Virginia may not be

in charge of this burning issue for ever, I chased up New abour.

R JACK Cunningham, the shadow National Heritage Secretary, is hideously biased --- about New-castle United. "I have blackand-white striped eyeballs," ne explained. I know this. I made a byelection film at Tynebridge in 1985, which inluded film of Jackie Milburn's great goal against Blackpool at Wembley in 1951. When he saw it on air, Jack couldn't speak for emotion. He points out that the 1990 list technically does not exclude subscription services such as Sky Sports. "We shall move an amendment to block that loophole. We also intend to initiate a review of the listed events, which may involve adding to them. On Jack's team, as the new

ball wide. Not long afterwards a long ball found Smith and Phil Gray unmarked near the edge of the United area only for the Sunderland pair to muddle themselves out of a promising situation.

The United plan depended on Irwin and Phil Neville augmenting the midfield from full-back, but the speed with which Sunderland moved the ball around and found gaps in the approaches to goal made it difficult for the Premier-

ship defence to settle. An early shot from Cole was deflected wide but United's attacking qualities were

chance to set up Phil Neville for a shot which he took off balance and sent wide. Parker justified his selec tion just past the quarter-hour when he whipped the ball off Russell's toes after

utes a mixture of slick impro-visation in attack and sluggish defending saw Sunderland take the lead. A cross from Smith was headed out Phil Gray had nodded back a

Breaking the deadlock . . . Phil Gray slides home Sunderland's goal at Roker Park last night not fully apparent until the centre from Smith. Roker 12th minute, when Giggs ran cremained in a state of boister-at Sunderland through the ous optimism, although Sun-middle before giving Cole the derland knew they ought to

be doing better during their early period of ascendancy. Agnew turned it into the path of Phil Gray, and Schmeichel Not to worry: after 24 minwas well beaten by a low shot. For the second half Fergu-

son reverted to a more orthodox formation. The notion of playing three at the back was abandoned, Parker, living dangerously after one booking, was sacrificed for Sharpe, and Irwin slipped gratefully into right-back. Yet still Manchester Unit-ed's football searched for an ship quality. In fact Scholes,

by Bruce but only as far as inspirational touch. On most who had replaced Butt just Michael Gray, waiting a few nights such a touch would past the hour, needed only yards beyond the penalty have come from Cantona aven minutes to prove the area. He prodded the ball after another dash through point. With 20 minutes remaining, Asnew furned if into the bath he accepted a square pass from Phil Neville, ran at a retreating defence and drove fered the Frenchman space and possession to the right of

goal. But Cantona turned sluggishly to where all the de-fenders were waiting and the the ball low past Chamberlain from near the penalty arc. Suederlands Chamberlain: Kubick Mehnlie, Ord, Scott, Smith, Agnew (Mart) Gray, 74mm), Bracowell, Michael Gray, 1 Gray, Russell. opportunity was gone. Sharpe's presence on the left gave United a better bal-ance and so long as only one goal separated the sides, there was always the possibility of

Minchester United Schneichel; irwin Parker (Sharpa, h-I), Bruce, G Neville, Neville, Bull (Scholos, 62), Koand Galions, Giggs, Cole. the First Division side being eet M Reed (Birmingham)

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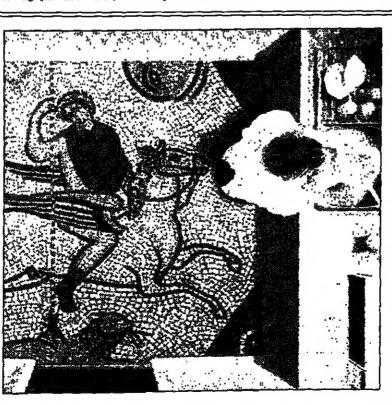
ss to major sporting events, Dr Lewis Moonie from Kirk it isn't fair that they should be caldy. I must say I find it deeply pleasing that broadmade to pay more to see them now, and something should be casters may soon find themdone about it. There the argument wanes.

selves in the care of a psychiatrist. He talked about the That is because, if the Govern-ment tried to regulate free Cricket World Cup deal and had a long-term proposal. trade in favour of the terrestrial "It should be possible for-mally to un-bundle broadcasting rights for major events." be said, "so that sports bodies can't hand over too much to one broadcaster. You might secure the live coverage, and another outlet could take up the edited highlights. A con-

tract for television rights might not include radio." Why can't the Government ccept this now? It only takes a bit of imagination. But it would force the greedier sports bodies to think about maximising oudiences and not just revenue.

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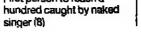
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Robson rules out the England job RYAN ROBSON last | early for me at the mo-Baight appeared to rule out the chance of bement". The FA wants to appoint a new man before coming England's coach June. this summer, when he said However, the 39-year-old that national opportunity former England midfielder had come 18 months too and captain said he enjoyed his involvement with the Robson, England's assisnational side and did not rule out the possibility of taking the England job in tant coach and the man regarded as favourite to succeed Terry Venables after Euro '96, has 18 months of his Middlesthe future. "I know what it's about now." he said. "I would consider it if the situation brough contract to run. Boro insisted on Monday arose where I was offered night that their manager "I have talked to Terry would fulfil that contract, Venables about the situathe club's chief executive Keith Lamb saying he had tion. One of the points I received "a categoric reas-surance" from Robson that mentioned was that I am hoping it's not going to af-fect what we've done over he would stay for a year and a half at least. the last 18 months. Across Last night Robson, speak "I've enjoyed my involveing on Sky Sports. said: "I'm happy with the deci-sion I came to." The Engment with the England squad. We set off two years ago for the European Championship finals and land opportunity, he ex-plained, had arisen "too "too | that's still my aim." Suddenly, the real evil is not şuit (6) racism but anti-racism; the real villains not oppressors but

Francis Wheen

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Guardian Crossword No 20,551 Set by Logodaedalus DRESSES SWORD SOLUTION 20,5 15 Entertainment for diarist, we hear, and howi (4-4) 16 i do panto for a change, a big change for a child (8) 17 Parent not starting to hold face the other way in case 19 Kind of fruit and crust ! break (6) 24 Young cow, next in line, to 20 Tree-trunk, dry inside, for keep feet half hidden (6) 1,5 Well done com and storing liquid (6) 25 Fish-eater with short bill butter | cooked (5,2,1,6) 21 Runner-up taking a very going West in book (8) 9 Wet bread found in filled short time (6) 26,27 Made a man dizzy, mattress (5-3) obscuring wet nose, hand and toe (4, 2, 4, 4) 10 Humble clergyman shows me inside (6) Down 11 Each telephones around 1 Cricketer's hat (6) noon for receipts (8) 2 Stop work and go to bed (6) 12 Desmond goes to 3 Vegetable container shown Cheltenham perhaps in this in list (6) 4 They wouldn't ellow a show of hands in the kitchen (4,6) 14 Good man in book, getting plump, retreated (4,6) 6 Amateur still embracing 18 Church official by oppressed. One expects this former spouse on piano (8) containing sin produces from rightwingers; intelligent 7 Temble daughter going to wine (10) study, not quite satisfied (8) liberals ought to know better. 22 | reach downwards from the 8 Residing uncomfortably in waist, needing fruit after type of place by arena (8) exercise (6) 13 A real vagabond initially stuck in the station, fasting 23 First person to reach a



channels, sport would lose revenue and would no doubt de mand compensation. The BBC and ITV are unable, or unwilling, to pay out the kind of money that Sky throws around. HE 1990 Broadcasting Act hit on a sort of com-

promise by creating a list of eight national events which cannot be bought by pay-for-view TV. Until now I have kept out of all this. Partly because thinking about it interrupts my sports watching - and because

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